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Michigan Democratic Caucus this Saturday

► Seven remain
in competition for
2004 Presidential
nomination

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

With no opposition vying for the presidential nomination in the Republican Party in 2004, the focus early this election year is on the Democrats. Michigan will step up to the plate this Saturday as it joins several other states completing its Democratic nomination process.

In January, two candidates withdrew from the race – former Illinois Senator Carol Moseley Braun and longtime Missouri Representative Richard Gephardt. As of February 2, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry had topped the remaining candidates in the Iowa Caucus and the New Hampshire Primary.

Seven states will hold caucuses or primaries on February 3, with results not available at press time for the February 5 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*. Those states are Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Carolina.

In each state, candidates must receive at least 15 percent of the vote to earn delegates to the

Democratic National Convention in July.

Remaining in the race besides Kerry are, alphabetically: retired Army General Wesley Clark, former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, North Carolina Senator John Edwards, Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich, Connecticut Senator and 2000 Democratic nominee for Vice President Joe Lieberman, and civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton of New York.

Michigan is making history on February 7 with first in the nation online caucus ballot voting. Deadline to apply for online and absentee ballots was January 31. Online and absentee voters were required to be registered voters with the Michigan Secretary of State to receive their ballots.

The state of Washington will also be going to the polls on Saturday.

The 2004 Michigan Presidential Democratic Caucus will be held locally at the Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling on Saturday, February 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Democrats do not have to be registered to vote to participate in person, but must make a declaration of party affiliation at the caucus. For more information about the caucus, log on to: www.mi-democrats.com

MSP dive team trains on Lake Margrethe

► 18 divers
work on winter
rescue, retrieval
on local lake

Eighteen members of the Michigan State Police (MSP) dive team worked on rescue and retrieval procedures on ice-covered Lake Margrethe last week.

"It's been an interesting week with all the snow," said Sergeant Larry Schloegl, MSP Dive Team Commander.

The water temperature was about 34 degrees, Schloegl

said, but visibility underwater was decent. "It's a fairly clear lake," he said.

Schloegl said the training – working on winter water rescue techniques, retrieval, and working with a remote operating vehicle (from the University of Michigan's marine department) – went well.

Part of the five-day exercise included retrieval of a submerged snowmobile. The divers sank the snowmobile, which did not have an engine or any fuels or other contaminants in it, and then recovered it as part of the exercise. The participants, who came to Grayling

from state police posts all over Michigan (including the Upper Peninsula), practiced diving in about forty feet of water.

The team stayed at Camp Grayling and launched its practice operation from the beach area at the camp. Team members hauled their gear almost a mile out from shore through slushy, difficult conditions and low visibility due to snow flurries, Schloegl said.

Schloegl said the team experienced a few problems with equipment during the week's training exercise, but the team's diving equipment all held up well.

The divers assemble quarterly for training exercises – once in the spring, summer, fall, and winter, usually for three days of work. The winter training sessions are usually five days long, Schloegl said.

During the warm-weather training sessions, the team works on other types of water rescue and retrieval, such as working with the Coast Guard on airlifts, diving the depths of Lake Superior (routinely going 150 feet down), and training in the currents of Michigan rivers such as the AuSable and Manistee.



Members of the Michigan State Police dive team practice winter water retrieval with a snowmobile (minus engine, fuel, and other contaminants) on Lake Margrethe last week.

Winter Fun Days are coming!

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

There is no shortage of snow and cold this year, so there should be no shortage of fun, winter activities at Hanson Hills during the upcoming Winter Fun Days, scheduled for February 13-15, hosted by the Grayling Recreation Authority.

The three-day event kicks off Friday night, February 13, with Family Karaoke at The Ole Barn, at the intersection of M-93 and M72 West in Grayling, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Included that evening will be a Kids' Karaoke Contest so all our local rising stars can show their stuff. Food and drink specials will be available for this inaugural evening.

On Saturday, February 14 everyone is invited to enjoy a day of skiing Hanson Hills Recreation Area and to sign up from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the "Big Air" ski and snowboard competition, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$10. All participants must wear a helmet and practice begins at 12 p.m. for competitors only.

On Sunday, the annual Chili Cook-Off competition, sponsored by the Grayling American Legion Post 106, will be held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. This has become the best-tasting competitive event in Crawford County, with many

local businesses vying for the title of Best Chili. Everyone is invited and encouraged to visit the main lodge to taste and vote for your favorite chili.

In the midst of the chili competition, at 1 p.m., head to the top of the ski hill with your cardboard sled for the fun-filled and often hilarious, "Cardboard Box Sled Race." Families, co-workers and civic organizations are highly encouraged to enter a cardboard sled in the race. The more entries, the more fun, competition and great memories.

Sleds for this event are to be made only from cardboard, tape and paint. Sleds must have a front, back, bottom and sides. All sleds must be constructed off-site prior to registration, as Hanson Hills will not provide materials. All race participants must wear a helmet.

Registration for the Cardboard Box Sled Race will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and there is no entry fee.

To register and learn the rules and regulations for each event, call Hanson Hills at (989) 348-9266 or visit its web site at: www.hansonhills.org.

Hanson Hills Recreation Area is located on Old Lake Road off M-93 in Grayling Township (south of M-72 West).

Pint-size sledder



Snowmobile enthusiasts come in all shapes and sizes. Two-and-a-half year old Cleo Kaiser, of Shepherd, and her parents, made a stop in Grayling recently, taking a break from their winter fun in plenty of fresh snow.

Photo by Annie Blair

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GHS project receives Earth Team Award

On behalf of his Grayling High School class, Loren Bass accepted an Earth Team Certificate of Appreciation from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on January 23 during a classroom ceremony held at the school.

The students were recognized for collectively contributing 180 hours of volunteer service.

During the project, the students learned about and implemented soil erosion control and water conservation techniques. The USDA-NRCS and Huron Pines Resource Conservation (RC&D) Area Council, Inc. partnered with Grayling High School and Michigan's Service Learning program.

The students conducted a pilot conservation project at the USDA-NRCS Building located on Norway Street during May and June of 2003, constructing a retaining wall and did preliminary landscaping work.

Students defined the watershed boundaries on the property using the roof peaks as the topographic high points. They determined the amount of permeable and impermeable surface area and calculated the volume and rate of water runoff, as well as the amount of backfill and gravel required for placement.

Students hand-graded and used a water-leveling system to direct water away from the building and concentrate the flow into a garden area.

They learned techniques that will be utilized in the Grayling Stormwater project, coordinated



Photo courtesy of USDA-NRCS

Students who participated on the award-winning 2003 Grayling High School Earth Team, led by teacher Loren Bass, included Josh Poll, Heather Helsel, Stacy Helsel, Dan McCullough, Miranda Millikin, Nicole Roman, Tammy Fryer, Dee Galloway, Kelly Rogers, Joe Poirier, Luke Bryant, Michelle Decker, Roger Burnett, Jessica Cooper, Michael Cousins, and Angela DeLaRosa.

by Huron Pines RC&D Area Council, Inc.

Kathleen Ryan, Coordinator for Huron Pines RC&D stated the students demonstrated high quality hard work and showed a willingness to learn new techniques.

The USDA-NRCS and Huron Pines are looking forward to including the Service Learning project on other work planned for the up-coming year. This

work includes a Cedar Restoration Project on the Mason Tract that will be accomplished by working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Cedars for the AuSable project, originated by the AuSable River System Property Owners Association.

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The Natural Resources Conservation Service works in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain natural resources on private lands.

After-school program focuses on use of writing, visual arts

► Youth ages 7-11 encouraged to sign up for 'Write for Your Life' program

by Cheryl Raley
Staff Writer

Children have many ways of expressing themselves — some more pleasant than others and some more educational than others. The Crawford County Library system, with the help of after-school program grant monies, is hoping to open up the world of expression through writing and visual arts with its upcoming "Write for Your Life" program.

"Children who participate in

this new program will review famous works of literature and fine arts, and begin to come to know themselves through their own interpretations, writings and artwork," said Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, Interim Director of the Crawford County Library.

"It is important for children to have an outlet, to begin to explore their emotions and independence," she explained.

Write for Your Life is designed for children ages seven through 11 years old and runs 10 weeks, beginning Tuesday, February 10 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to participate.

Joining Mansfield-Sanderson, a Michigan certified art teacher, to conduct the program will be local psychologist Stacy Bohl. "We are fortunate to have the involvement in Write for Your Life of someone like Stacy, who is dedicated to the children in our area," said the interim director. "Stacy and I will be working together to create a meaningful time for all."

Upon completion of the program, youth participants will be celebrated as they display their works for the public on April 20 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

One of her goals as interim director, said Mansfield-Sanderson, is to continue to

build bridges between the educational community, families and the library. She encourages children to sign up for the program and for the public to show their support by viewing the children's work once it is on display.

"We have a great resource for our community to enjoy and to share," Mansfield-Sanderson said. "This library was built with the great love and devotion of the people of this county. It is the libraries' goal to continue to create programs that can be enjoyed by all."

To register a child for the Write for Your Life after-school program, parents and guardians should call the library at 348-9214 as soon as possible.

Fire chief organizing safety program for kids

► Annual Fire and Burn Safety Program will serve over 1,000

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department is

continuing its commitment to fire prevention, Fire Chief Duane Brooks said last week. As part of this commitment, the department is organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Grayling.

Over 1,000 youngsters, ages five through 12 will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level. This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter.

Various other fire safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless deaths.

Bob Koch, of the National Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. Koch is the Area Fire Safety

Coordinator of the NFSC, a federal tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501(c)3 and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to the area business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department.

Anyone not receiving a letter who would like to sponsor should mail a check to the department, payable to National Fire Safety Council.

Chief Brooks stresses to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type that the Grayling City and Township Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Chief Duane Brooks, please contact the fire department immediately.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following kinds of complaints during the period of January 25 to February 1:

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Library Board considers operating millage

► Friends of the Crawford County Library asking members for input

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

With the news last month of a decrease in state funding and penal fine revenues, the Crawford County Library Board finds itself in a budget crunch.

According to a financial report dated January 13, the Board reports it will have a total budget shortfall of about \$120,000 for fiscal year 2003-04.

"At the rate we are using our savings, we can expect (it to last) about two to two-and-one-half years at the same rate we are spending now and with no increase in penal fines. If penal fines decrease, this would change," the report states.

The library's main funding comes from penal fines, which stands at a \$15,000 decrease thus far for the fiscal year.

As of January 13, the library's assets totaled just over \$435,000, of which approximately \$197,000 remains in the construction fund; savings totaled just over \$238,000.

The Library Board expects projected revenue for 2003-04 to decrease from \$164,250 to \$149,250, leaving them to use \$120,000 from its savings account to meet its \$269,129 bud-

get this year alone.

Library Board President Ray Priebe, Jr. said in hindsight an operating millage should have been sought at the same time the Devereaux Memorial Library construction millage proposal was presented to county taxpayers in August 2000. He said at that time, penal fines were level or on the increase and utility bills were much lower. And, he said, "It simply costs more to operate the new, bigger library and its increased services and programs than it did to operate the old library."

Former Library Board president Terry Wright said an operating millage was not requested in 2000 because the Board had accumulated a sizeable building fund and savings before receiving the \$500,000 gift from Leslie Devereaux to build a new library. Therefore, the Board refrained from asking the taxpayers for additional millage dollars.

Library support group, Friends of the Crawford County Libraries, provided funding for the millage campaign for the new library building in 2000. The group is now seeking input from its membership whether to designate \$6,500 from its fundraising to support a new campaign for a modest .45 operating millage.

If such a millage is approved by the voters, the cost would be about \$1.87 per month for a home with a taxable value of \$50,000. The taxable value of a

home usually equals about half of its market value. A millage passed in 2004 would most likely not be levied against property until 2005, just in time to keep the library savings from falling into the red and keeping all Crawford County libraries open and running as they are today, or with increased services.

Initially, Friends of the Library threatened to withdraw all of its funding from the library system after learning former Library Director Edward Elsner's contract was not renewed.

But, according to its pledge to the community, the group agrees to "support our community library system in any way we can... we will do whatever is necessary to attain our goals for the future." With that said, the Friends' Board of Directors is now asking for a vote of its members on the campaign funding issue, even after Friends' Treasurer Shirley Schmoock called for the resignation of the library board on two occasions.

"Let your conscience be your guide," states a January 26 letter to Friends' members. "Remember, while a 'no' vote may equate to a 'no confidence' in the library board's decisions, there are two separate issues here before us," - meaning the future of the library and Friends' disagreement about lack of review of Elsner's contract.

Friends' members have been asked to cast their proxy ballots

by phone, e-mail, return mail, or in person at its regular meeting scheduled for Monday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling.

Proxy ballots for those who can not attend the meeting must be in the hands of a Friends' board officer no later than 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21 to be counted in this special vote of the membership.

Members are asked to direct all questions regarding the vote and other issues not to the library staff, but to any one of the Friends' board officers: President Alice Sturm at 348-1554, Vice President Donna Hubbard at 348-5691, Treasurer Shirley Schmoock at 348-5132, Secretary Charles/Rita Jackson at 348-2329, or Acting Secretary Carol Britton at 348-7173.

Membership dues are also due at this time. Dues are \$10 for one year or \$100 for a lifetime membership. To join, make check payable to Friends of the Crawford County Library and mail in care of the Devereaux Memorial Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

Thus far, fundraising and volunteer activities, in support of the library system by the Friends is continuing as originally planned.

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County seeks applicants to serve on Library Board

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to fulfill the term of a recently resigned member of the Crawford County Library Board of Directors.

Library Board Secretary Judy Morford resigned January 8 when her motion to review the contract of former Library Director Edward Elsner failed to receive support. Elsner's contract expired January 13.

Youth Services Librarian Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson was appointed by the remaining four Library Board members at a special meeting on January 16 to serve as Interim Director for one week.

At a subsequent special meeting held January 23, the Library Board voted to continue that

appointment until a new director is hired.

The Library Board has begun to search for a new director first using free resources within the state's library network. In an effort to keep costs low, the Board will not use paid advertising until April or May, and only if necessary.

Mansfield-Sanderson said recently she is within months of completing necessary education credits to qualify her for the permanent position and hopes to be considered by the Library Board for the director position.

Library Board members are appointed by the County Board. The Library Board sets policy and procedures for its governance and general operation of the local library system.

To be eligible to serve on the Library Board, candidates must

be at least 18 years old, a Crawford County resident, be familiar with parliamentary rules and procedures, and have general knowledge of library functions in the county.

Deadline to apply for appointment to the open seat is Friday, February 6 at 3:30 p.m. Applications can be picked up in the County Clerk's office in the Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said the applications of two citizens who applied previously for a seat on the Library Board will also be brought up for consideration by the County Board.

The new appointee would be expected to fulfill the remainder of Morford's term which expires October 31, 2007.

MDOT asks drivers to give plow trucks plenty of room

Northern Michigan has experienced significant snowfalls in recent weeks and more is forecasted. With this in mind, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds motorists to slow down and "Don't Crowd the Plow."

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While MDOT is doing all it can to keep people moving safely this winter, motorists should:

- Always wear safety belts and be sure children are properly buckled up.
- Be cautious of bridges which can be icy when the approaching pavement is clear and dry.
- Merge slowly since sudden movements can cause vehicles to slide.

• Slow down when visibility is low or road conditions are snowy or icy.

• Accelerate and brake slowly; avoid abrupt steering maneuvers.

• Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

• Maintain a safe distance from snow plows.

For more winter safety tips and a free Michigan Winter Safety brochure, contact the MDOT Office of Communications at (517) 373-2160 or visit MDOT online at: www.michigan.gov/mdot

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Governor sparkles at newspaper convention

GOV. JENNIFER GRANHOLM has star quality, and she exhibited it once more at the recent Michigan Press Association annual meeting of editors, publishers and various Michigan newspaper folk.

Usually Michigan's governor -- whoever it may be -- uses the annual MPA podium to preview the State of the State message.

Since Gov. Granholm already had delivered her prescription for Michigan's economic survival, for the newspaper folks she recapped it. Her original speech lasted about an hour. So did her recap.

There were some differences, but the overriding message was the same: Michigan must improve our job-creating economy.

Whereas at her televised address before the Michigan Legislature she was surrounded by teleprompters and a printed script, for her newspaper audience she wandered the stage with only a

hand-held microphone and nary a note or any other reference in sight ... and she never missed a beat.

At the legislature, her plans for job growth were interrupted 15 or 20 times with standing applause. Only one applause line interrupted her newspaper speech -- when she called for tougher rules and a moratorium on foreign trash being shipped into the state.

Of course, newspaper folks at an event such as this are supposed to remain neutral.

THE RECURRING cry of "Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!" as a primary Michigan need goes back at least 50 years to the days of G. Mennen Williams as governor -- and probably longer than that.

Michigan's economy seems always to be either in dire shape, or just pulling out of the doldrums, or threatening to dip once more.

Providing enough jobs for Michigan residents is a never-ending challenge.

The world is not stagnant. Neither is the economy.

Gov. Granholm contends much of the problem lies with federal laws and policies, many of which encourage shifting Michigan jobs out of the country. Ms. Granholm claimed she is "a moderate, fiscally conservative Democrat" who usually has "favored open trade doors."

But when Michigan must compete with Mexico which can pay \$1.57 per hour for manufacturing jobs we now perform here, then "something's broken" in American international trade policies.

Her call for "a level playing field" in the international struggle for jobs also is a recurring plea.

IN A NUTSHELL, Gov. Granholm claims creating jobs in Michigan will require a multi-faceted approach, covering more than a favorable business tax climate and frugal, fair and effective state government.

It must encompass sound programs for education, health care and environmental protection. Combined, these help to create a quality of life which is essential to attract job creation.

The governor also promoted her "Cool Cities" initiative, to improve inner cities to become where "the next generation wants to live."

Through her hour-long performance, Ms. Granholm never once talked about politics, except to point out the relative congeniality and cooperation between the governor and the legislature.

"I'm a Democrat and the legislature is Republican," she said. "The people voted that way. They wanted a balance."

She's probably right, but historically the partisan split between branches of government does not always promote cooperation, and too often the result of split government is spite and acrimony, which are two elements no voter welcomes despite splitting their votes.

AT THE MPA talk, only a handful of questions was permitted, and none of those was political either, which was strange for a roomful of usually inquisitive newspaper people.

Personally, I was interested to know which candidate she was supporting for president.

She didn't tell the MPA, but she did tell the public a day later that Sen. John Kerry is her favorite.

That's another way for Jennifer Granholm to promote cooperation and congeniality, at least at home.

Her husband, Dan Mulhern, has been helping to lead the Kerry for President bandwagon in Michigan for many months.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

WASHINGTON NOTES

by U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

Consumers win with sweepstakes reform

Many of us have experienced the excitement of being told, "you win," and being handed a trinket or perhaps a prize from a raffle. But for some unsuspecting consumers, the words, "you win," have led not to a prize, but to a nightmare of losses. Many consumers have been swindled by fraud or trickery or have been led to believe, wrongly, that they had to buy specific items in order to qualify for a prize or increase their odds of winning.

Between 1997 and 1999, more than 3000 consumers reported losses to the Postal Inspection Service totaling \$5.2 million from participating in schemes related to fraudulent or misleading sweepstakes mailings.

In 1998 and 1999, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, on which I serve as the senior Democrat, conducted an investigation and held hearings on deceptive sweepstakes mailings. The hearings described how some consumers had been deceived by unfair promotions and duped into spending large sums on sweepstakes offers.

Some of the mailings stated that the recipient had already won the sweepstakes when they had not; others implied that recipients could increase their odds of winning by purchasing certain products when, in fact, those purchases had no effect. An elderly woman from Livonia sent more than \$20,000 to prize promoters a grandmother from Spruce spent more than \$20,000 on sweepstakes in one year alone; and another Michigan

woman spent more than \$200,000 on sweepstakes promotions.

The subcommittee's investigation led to the passage of the bipartisan Deceptive Mail and Prevention Enforcement Act (DMPE), which I cosponsored with Senator Susan Collins of Maine. The DMPE requires that mailers display a clear and conspicuous statement informing consumers that purchasing any of the various products offered in the solicitation will not increase their chances of winning.

The law also provides the Postal Service with subpoena and nationwide stop-mail authority to go after fraudulent sweepstakes companies, stop illegal sweepstakes offers, and issue civil penalties to violators of the law.

I'm pleased to report that the DMPE is working. According to the Postal Inspector Service, in 1999 there were 7,500 consumer complaints about sweepstakes mailings. By 2003, this number had dropped dramatically to just 1,800 sweepstakes-related complaints, a 75 percent decline in just four years. Sweepstakes complaints now make up only 3.7 percent of total USPS complaints, down from nearly 13 percent.

Under the DMPE, postal inspectors are able to stop fraudulent mailings quickly. In fact, a postal inspector in Detroit recently learned that an individual had mailed \$20,000 to claim winnings of what was suspected to be a fraudulent Australian lot-

tery. Using powers granted under the DMPE, the inspector stopped the letter and prevented the check from reaching the perpetrator of that fraud.

The DMPE also allows postal inspectors to issue temporary restraining orders for particularly egregious perpetrators. One such order was issued against the chief executive officer of National Resource Information Center, Inc., who had fraudulently informed consumers that they were eligible to receive tax-free checks from the U.S. government for over \$60,000 to redress discrimination by the government against black farmers. His letter said that, for a fee, the National Resource Information Center would file claims with the government on behalf of the victims of discrimination, leading some people to believe they were eligible for a "Black Heritage Tax Credit," when no such tax credit actually exists.

Another consumer protection created by the DMPE requires promoters to establish a system enabling consumers to have their names taken off a mailing list by either writing the sweepstakes company or calling a toll free number. Sweepstakes promoters are required to include a clear and conspicuous statement in the mailing describing this notification system and providing a toll free number or the company address. Companies must comply with consumers requests to get off a mailing list within 60 days of the request. If they fail to do so, the law allows consumers to sue for damages.

Enactment of the Deceptive Mail and Prevention Enforcement Act was a major accomplishment in our fight to protect consumers from being duped by fraudulent sweepstakes mailings. Consumers can make the law even more successful by alerting postal authorities to suspicious mailings and using the resources made available by the law to protect themselves and their families from fraud.

For more information on this issue, as well as how to reduce the amount of spam e-mail and telemarketing calls you receive, I have compiled some suggestions on my website <http://levin.senate.gov/services/unf/mail/index.html>.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

VIEWPOINT

by Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), Michigan's 36th District

Have fun, but be safe on snowmobile trails

Snowbirds may head south at the sight of winter's first snowflakes, but for snowmobile enthusiasts, the fun has just begun!

Northern Michigan relies heavily on snowmobiling during the winter to bring in tourists from out of and around the state. With postcard-pretty scenery, lots of snow and a 6,100-mile network of groomed trails, Michigan is the center for spirited snowmobile fun.

In fact, Michigan registers more snowmobiles each year than any other state in the country. Our state is also a popular snowmobile destination for thousands of visitors. With so many enjoying Michigan's winter playground, it's important to know the rules and drive with care.

In 2002, 46 people lost their lives in snowmobile crashes. That's nearly a 40 percent

increase over the previous year and the second highest number of fatalities in the last decade. Sadly, most snowmobile accidents are preventable. Safe and responsible driving cuts the risks but not the fun and adventure of the sport.

Before heading out, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Don't drink. Alcohol impairs judgment and slows reaction time.
- Slow down. Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal accidents. Keep your vehicle under control.
- Know the conditions. Be well prepared for any contingency.
- Wear a helmet.
- Never ride alone. Try to travel in groups.
- Dress appropriately. Carry a first aid kit and safety gear.
- Avoid traveling across frozen bodies of water.

• Leave a travel plan. Let someone know your destination and timetable.

For other helpful tips and information, or to sign up for a Snowmobile Safety course for more in-depth safety education and training, visit the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr (click on Recreation and Camping, then click on Snowmobiles) to check for a class in your area.

Remember, with almost 30,000 registered snowmobiles in Michigan, safe and responsible driving is essential for every enthusiast.

Operating your snowmobile with care and playing it safe add to the overall enjoyment of the sport. As you take to the trails, I wish you and your family a safe ride through Michigan's winter wonderland this season.

VIEWPOINT

by J. Peter Lark, Chair, Michigan Public Service Commission

Electric customers now protected by new standards

On January 29, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) adopted tough new rules governing electric service quality and reliability. The standards are designed to protect the health and safety of Michigan's businesses and manufacturers.

By mid-February, Michigan's electric customers will have in place some of the best standards in the nation designed to protect them from unacceptable levels of electric service.

The standards adopted arise from the Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act of 2000 (Public Act 141). They apply to Michigan's investor-owned electric utilities and electric cooperatives.

The new standards cover a wide variety of issues, including service outages, distribution facility upgrades, repairs and maintenance, telephone service, billing service, operational reliability, and public and worker safety, and include stiff penalties when utilities fail to live up to these standards.

Of particular interest to electric customers is the establishment of acceptable levels of electric service performance, including deadlines for restoring service under normal and catastrophic conditions, and responding to complaints.

Using a "carrot and stick" approach, the Commission will

provide electric utilities with financial incentives and penalties. Utilities will be subject to financial penalties for failing to meet the set standards during normal and catastrophic conditions, and repetitive interruptions of the same circuit. In these cases, customers will receive a credit of \$25 or an amount equal to their monthly service charge -- whichever is greater.

In other cases, the Commission may impose much greater fines -- up to \$50,000 -- under the provisions of Public Act 141 for repeated failure to meet these standards.

While the new rules will allow utilities to ask for waivers or

exceptions under special circumstances, we believe these tough, new standards will result in improved electric service to Michigan's electric customers.

Since the blackout, the MPSC has taken a number of steps to improve electric reliability in the state, including ordering a Michigan-specific investigation into the cause of the August 14, 2003 blackout and issuing a 107-page report that includes recommendations on how to prevent future blackouts.

The new service and reliability standards are the latest action taken to make sure that Michigan's power stays on.

EDITOR

Seniors: don't leave your grocery carts unattended

To the editor,

I would like to say how grateful I am to the managers of Glen's Market for their kindness and understanding.

I had a cart full of groceries stolen recently because I was foolish enough to leave the cart

unattended for only a minute while I was waiting for the bus.

Glen's replaced all of the groceries, free of charge.

So, beware, seniors! There are thieves out there.

*Eileen Ellis
Grayling*

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BRIEFS

Tickets on sale for Lincoln Day Dinner

The Crawford County Republican Party will host its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Tuesday, February 17 at Skyline Ski and Country Club in Beaver Creek Township. Tickets are \$25 each and includes a buffet dinner of prime rib and broiled walleye. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and a cash bar will be available. Tickets should be purchased by February 10 by calling Jim Minthorn at 348-1002, Sandy Moore at 348-2154, Sharon Hartman at 275-4126, or Art Thayer at 348-7253, or at Riverland Gear on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Sheriff to attend Grayling Twp. meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the next meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments for the sheriff should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be in attendance throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Learn about Ghana, donate books

Bring your used books (in good condition) to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Tuesday, February 10 for the "Give the Gift of Reading: Ghana" program. At 7 p.m., Grayling resident Tasha Carlisle will share her experiences from her year in Africa. Money has been raised to ship community donations of books to a small library in Ghana, where the children are in dire need of reading materials as they learn English. For those who can not come for the February 10 event, books will be accepted at the library until 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 14. For more information, call 348-9214.

Transplant support group to meet

The next meeting of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will be held Thursday, February 12 at 6 p.m. in the classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord (Old US-27 North - 825 North Center). The meeting is intended for those interested in organ and tissue donation. Those who have received or are waiting for an organ transplant are encouraged to attend. Organ donor families are also invited. For more information, call Bev Cherwinski at (989) 983-4188.

Register now for 'Cooking with Kids'

Kids ages eight years and up are urged to register now for two sessions of "Cooking with Kids" at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. On Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m., kids can learn the basics of Italian cooking and eating. On Thursday, February 19, kids can learn the basics of Asian cooking and cuisine. Class size is limited to 10 children per session. Call 348-9214 or stop by the library to register.

Legion Auxilliary plans monthly meeting

The American Legion Auxilliary Post 106 will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, February 15 at 2 p.m. in the Back Doctor's Dining Room at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. For more information, call (989) 821-5721.

Ski VASA races to help fight cancer

Join hundreds of cross country skiing enthusiasts at the VASA Festival of Races on Valentine's Day, February 14, in Traverse City to help fight cancer.

Skiers of all levels, from elite to fitness and tourers, will gather to ski the professionally groomed dedicated trail system. Close to 60 inches of snow has guaranteed perfect conditions for this ski adventure.

A portion of each race fee goes to Munson Medical Center Women's Cancer Fund. Skiers may also sign up sponsors or make direct contributions to the fund.

For registration information and details of all the events of the VASA Festival of Races, call (231) 938-4400, or visit the VASA web site and register online at www.vasa.org.

Registration has begun for high school students

The registration process for selecting courses for the 2004-2005 school year began February 2.

Grayling High School (GHS) students began receiving their registration materials, and meetings are being held regarding special programs, such as the vocational offerings through COOR, and the Advanced Placement classes.

All course request forms are due back to the counselors by February 18. Staff will be assisting students by making recommendations regarding the most appropriate individual course selections.

Eighth grade students will be meeting with the high school counselors and receiving their

registration materials on Tuesday, February 17. They will then be visiting the high school on Monday, February 23 to meet the student senate members and to tour the facilities.

A parent information meeting will be held that same evening at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School (GMS) cafeteria.

Counselors will return to GMS to answer students' questions on February 20. Registration materials should then be turned in to the GMS counselor, Joni Metiva, by February 25.

Parents are encouraged to contact Metiva at 344-3560 or high school counselors Kathy Frederick or Lynn Thompson at 344-3512 if they have any questions.

File FAFSA before March 1 for maximum financial aid

► FAFSA is key to obtaining state and federal aid, including loans

Davenport University would like to remind all college students and those considering college, to be considered for financial aid for academic year 2004-05, they must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, as soon as possible. The State of Michigan has given a deadline of March 1st.

Some financial aid programs have limited funds or distribute funds on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the date the form was received by the federal processor. A FAFSA form must be completed to qualify for federal and state financial aid, including student loans.

When completing the FAFSA, 2003 income tax estimates may be used on the form, which can be updated electronically once the student or parent files their 2003 tax return.

Returning students must file a FAFSA every year financial aid is needed. The FAFSA is the key that opens the door to financial aid.

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To learn about the types of financial aid available and deadlines, go to Davenport's website at www.davenport.edu or call the Davenport location near you.



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Learn about a career in radiology

People interested in a career in radiology can learn more about the field during an informational meeting Thursday, February 12 at 11 a.m. at Kirtland Community College.

John Skinner, from Mid Michigan Community College (MMCC), will be available to explain the program and answer questions in Room 208 of the Instructional Center.

The radiology curriculum is a collaborative program offered by Kirtland and MMCC. It is designed to prepare graduates to function as members of the health team in hospitals, clinics,

government and military installations, industry and public health.

In addition to classroom instruction and laboratory practice, students receive on-the-job practical education at Grayling Mercy Hospital or West Branch Medical Center.

This program is an associate in applied science degree. Karen Brown, Kirtland associate dean, advises there are jobs available in the area awaiting graduates from the program.

For more information about radiography or any of Kirtland's health sciences program, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 372.

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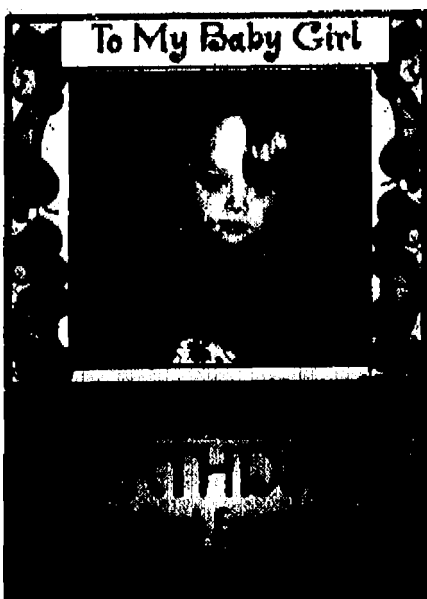
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The Bible Speaks

Just War?

To some people war is never justified because they believe all war is in itself evil. They believe all guns and other viable instruments of defense are just a source for destruction. To them all persons are by nature intrinsically good, and that evil only exists in the world because of evil things. Their answer is destroy or control such evil things and the world will become peaceful. Some of us still remember when pacifists argued a generation ago for unilateral disarmament as the only ultimate road to peaceful co-existence with world communism. Their answer to global conflict was simple, destroy our nuclear weapons, lay down our arms, have loving dialogue with the communists and the world would become a peaceful and better place. They assumed American power was the real cause of most world conflict. They assumed communists were really good people seeking equality and justice for the whole world. They held the same views about Islamic terrorists that they once held about the communists.

A generation later many have forgotten that communism fell because of America's increased moral and military strength. One U.S. president ended the road to compromise. Instead he declared communism to be evil, and built up our military strength until the communist system collapsed under its own moral corruption. They lost their global war against our freedoms because of the evil corruption and weakness within their own tyrannical system.

James Madison, known as the father of our U.S. Constitution, has

reminded us that our founding fathers faced the same thing as they fought to gain our own national freedom and independence. He said, "To render the justice of the war on our part the more conspicuous, the reluctance to commence it was followed by the earliest and strongest manifestations of a disposition to arrest its progress. The sword was scarcely out of the scabbard before the enemy was apprised of the reasonable terms on which it would be resheathed." Those seeking compromise instead of just war to end our own injustice as a colony would never have achieved our national freedom and independence.

The Bible reminds us that war started in Heaven, not on earth. Lucifer motivated by his own pride sought to rebel against God. (Isaiah 14:12-15) "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels." (Rev. 12:7) This first war established the eternal parameters for just warfare. This war in heaven was not evil, but just because a Holy God commanded his righteous angels to fight and defeat the evil of Satan and his fallen angels. The evil start wars! The righteous end wars by victory!

Can you imagine someone discrediting our war with Japan two years after Pearl Harbor as our soldiers were still fighting and dying in the Pacific? Well, two years after 9/11 our soldiers are still fighting and dying daily so what is the difference? Our present war against global terrorism is just as moral and justified. Some act as if all who die in

wars are victims. Our soldiers are not victims of an evil war, but righteous victors fighting to destroy and conquer an evil, terrorist threat! They are heroes worthy of our highest honor and respect. They are fighting and dying not only to protect our own freedoms, but also dying that the people of Iraq and Afghanistan might live and enjoy the same freedoms many of us seem to take for granted. Their dedication and sacrifice is most noble. Terrorism using suicide/homicide bombers against innocent men, women, and children is the epitome of evil. It is an evil that must be eradicated to protect the life and liberty of all free people everywhere! Pastor "B" Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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MILITARY NEWS

Navy Fireman William J. Hartig and his fellow crewmembers aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, VA, recently helped launch the ship's first precision guided munitions attack since the start of the new year.

Two F/A-18 Hornets from Strike Fighter Squadron 86 deployed from the Enterprise to attack an enemy mortar position near Balad, Iraq, north of Baghdad, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Also, USS Enterprise recently received the Navy's Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2003.

The award, also known as the Golden Anchor, recognizes a command's ability to meet or exceed its annual goals for Sailor retention.

The award is also a credit to the dedicated effort of Hartig and others aboard the Enterprise in ensuring the ship's continuing appeal after more than 40 years of active service.

Carriers such as the Enterprise are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Hartig is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and joined the U.S. Navy in August 2002. He is the son of William and Tina Hartig of Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 4 - 10 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of

County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) February 4 - 10.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, mission-firing requirements beyond this time may be authorized by the Post Commander without additional notice to the public. The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

Card of Thanks

The students of Grayling High School, Barb Hunter and Samara Sabin would like to take the opportunity to thank the citizens of Grayling for their support and fund-raising donations toward the Spanish Club's summer trip to Mexico. We (students and trip advisors) have decided to postpone the trip until next summer. Again, thank you for your continued support!

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Gary Hopp</p> <p>Sunday School: 10 am Church Service: 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wed): 7-8 pm</p> <p>Free Methodist Joseph Carpenter - Pastor Danae Beckerman - Associate Pastor (652 M-72 W.) • 348-9093 or 348-5362</p> <p>Early Service: 8:30 am Sunday School: 10 am Morning Service: 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday): 7 pm</p> <p>Emma Levey United Church Of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Leetsdale Sunday Worship: 11 am Adult and Youth: Sunday School: 9:30 am</p> <p>Portville Baptist Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411 1841 Hartwick Place Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75) Sunday School: 9:00 am Prayer Service: 11 am Bible Study: 7 pm Wednesday: 7 pm</p> <p>Grayling Assembly of God Pastor James A. Smith 705 N. I-75 • Grayling, MI Church: 11 am</p> <p>Sunday School: 9:00 am Sunday Morning: 10:30 am Sunday Evening: 7 pm Wednesday: 7 pm</p>	<p>Love in Bloom</p> <p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints President David Page 600 North Elm Street, Grayling</p> <p>Sacrament: 10 am Sunday School: 11 am Prayer: 11 am Preschool: 2 pm Relief Society: 12 noon</p> <p>Burning Bush Tabernacle Pastor Patricia Poirie: 348-1278 501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling</p> <p>Sunday School: 10 am Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am Sunday Evening Service: 7 pm Monday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran (ELCA) 710 Spruce Street 348-5224</p> <p>Sunday School: 9:15 am Sunday Worship: 10:30 am</p> <p>Community of Christ Pastor Carol Brennan North Down River Rd. at 1508 Glen Rd. • P.O. Box 1184 Church School: 9:45 am Prayer Service: 11 am Midweek Service: 7 pm</p> <p>St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community Robert W. Noyes, A.V. Pastor 700 W. Michigan • 348-1077 Sabbath School</p> <p>Sunday Vigil Mass: 8:00 am Prayer Mass: 9:00 am Prayer Mass: 10:30 am Prayer Mass: 11:30 am Prayer Mass: 12:30 pm Prayer Mass: 1:30 pm Prayer Mass: 2:30 pm Prayer Mass: 3:30 pm Prayer Mass: 4:30 pm Prayer Mass: 5:30 pm Prayer Mass: 6:30 pm Prayer Mass: 7:30 pm Prayer Mass: 8:30 pm Prayer Mass: 9:30 pm Prayer Mass: 10:30 pm Prayer Mass: 11:30 pm Prayer Mass: 12:30 am Prayer Mass: 1:30 am Prayer Mass: 2:30 am Prayer Mass: 3:30 am Prayer Mass: 4:30 am Prayer Mass: 5:30 am Prayer Mass: 6:30 am Prayer Mass: 7:30 am Prayer Mass: 8:30 am Prayer Mass: 9:30 am Prayer Mass: 10:30 am Prayer Mass: 11:30 am Prayer Mass: 12:30 pm Prayer Mass: 1:30 pm Prayer Mass: 2:30 pm Prayer Mass: 3:30 pm Prayer Mass: 4:30 pm Prayer Mass: 5:30 pm Prayer Mass: 6:30 pm Prayer Mass: 7:30 pm Prayer Mass: 8:30 pm Prayer Mass: 9:30 pm Prayer Mass: 10:30 pm Prayer Mass: 11:30 pm Prayer Mass: 12:30 am Prayer Mass: 1:30 am Prayer Mass: 2:30 am Prayer Mass: 3:30 am Prayer Mass: 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Chief Judge Davis elected President of Michigan Judges Association

Alton T. Davis, Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court of Michigan, has been elected by his colleagues as President of the Michigan Judges Association for the 2004 calendar year.

The Michigan Judges Association represents the interests of Circuit and Appellate Judges in the State of Michigan. Judge Davis has previously held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President-Elect of the organization. This term of office coincides with Judge Davis' 20th year on the Circuit Court Trial Bench.

Judge Davis is a 1974 graduate of the Detroit College of Law. After 10 years of private and public practice as a lawyer,



**Chief Judge
Alton T. Davis
46th Circuit Trial Court**

Judge Davis was first elected to

the bench in 1984. Since that time, he has served 16 years as Chief Judge of his Circuit, which encompasses Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties. He was designated as Chief Judge of a demonstration project court by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1996, and has continued in that capacity to the present time.

Judge Davis has been selected as a member of the Chief Justice's Council of Chief Judges. He has served as a presenter for the Michigan Judicial Institute and is on the staff of the New Judicial College in DuBois, Wyoming. Judge Davis is active in the Rotary Club of Grayling and is a Paul Harris Fellow with in Rotary International.

DEQ reports 35 percent jump in imported trash

LANSING — A disturbing state report released February 2 reveals a 35 percent overall jump in the amount of Canadian and out-of-state trash being dumped in Michigan landfills in the last year, including a 43 percent increase in the amount of Canadian trash alone.

"For more than a year, some members of the Legislature have stonewalled our efforts to stop the importation of trash into Michigan from other states and Canada," said State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena).

"Unfortunately for the people of Michigan, this report shows that we are still buried in imported waste, while many lawmakers sit on their hands and do nothing."

The report, released by the state DEQ, or the Department of Environmental Quality, means that instead of 200 Canadian garbage trucks rolling into our state each day, Michigan now gets 286 trash trucks from Canada alone crossing our border every single day, some destined for the Waters Landfill in northern Crawford County.

In fact, the Trash-O-Meter — a device that measures in real time

the amount of imported waste coming into Michigan — has had to recalibrate to calculate the higher numbers.

According to the Trash-O-Meter, 5.16 million tons of trash or more than 147,000 truckloads of imported trash were dumped into Michigan landfills in the last year.

Gillard, a leader in the anti-trash fight who brought the Trash-O-Meter to Alpena last October 20, vowed to keep up the pressure on reluctant lawmakers to "stop listening to their friends in the waste industry and start listening to the people they represent."

"We are not going to stop until the trucks stop," Gillard said. "This report debunks the waste industry's claim that less and less foreign trash is coming here. The truth is that they're still trying to turn our state into a dumping ground. We're going to fight them every step of the way, hopefully with bipartisan support. If not, we certainly have the public's support."

Gillard praised Governor Jennifer Granholm for highlighting the anti-trash fight in her State of the State Address and for

urging the Legislature to pass the anti-Canadian trash bills that have been held up for more than a year.

Gillard also renewed his call to pass House Bill 4099, which would add pop bottles and cans to the list of items prohibited from disposal in Michigan landfills.

"This bill to add pop bottles and cans to the list of items prohibited from disposal in Michigan landfills is the key to pushing back the rising tide of Canadian trash into Michigan," Gillard said.

The freshman Alpena lawmaker also expressed gratitude to the concerned citizens of Michigan for pressuring state lawmakers into acting on anti-trash legislation that he and his colleagues have been championing for more than a year.

From the beginning, the anti-trash bill earned bipartisan support. However, the bills were stalled by garbage industry advocates after they were introduced on January 29, 2003. Since then, more than 5.16 million tons of imported trash, or 9.8 tons every minute, have been dumped in Michigan.

Volunteers needed as Senior Companions

The Senior Companion Program is in need of volunteers.

Senior Companions provide assistance and friendship to seniors who have difficulty with their daily living tasks by helping them retain their independence. They assist with chores such as grocery shopping, meal planning, and medical appointments.

Senior Companions receive yearly physicals, a non-taxable stipend, and monthly trainings. They are part of the National Senior Service Corps volunteer network and sponsored in the region by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc.

To volunteer in the Senior Companion Program or for more information, call toll-free 1-877-222-9043, ext. 260. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

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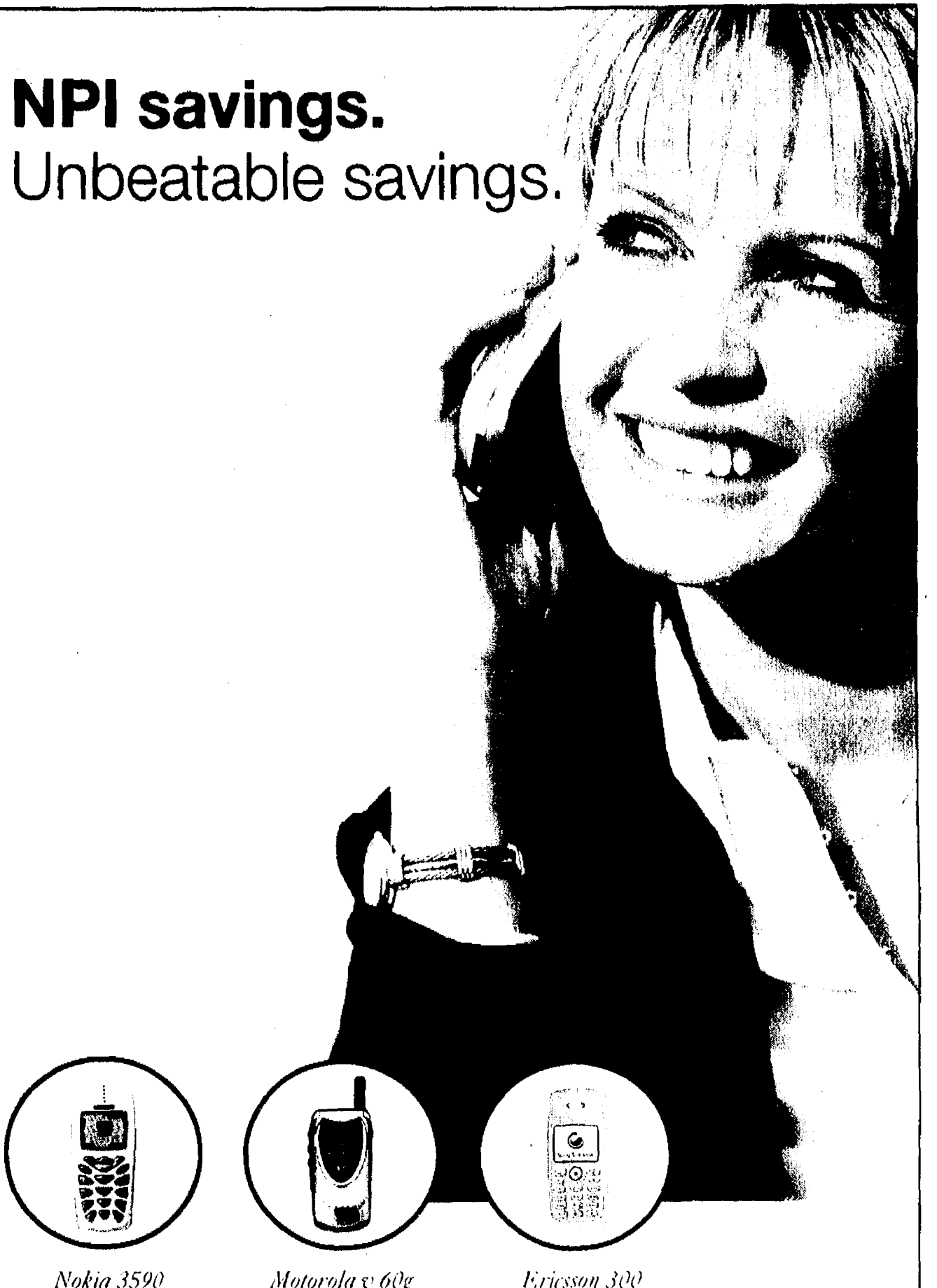
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OBITUARIES

Marguerite Bosley
Mar. 7, 1912 - Jan. 31, 2004
Marguerite Bosley, age 91, of Grayling passed away at Grayling Nursing Centre on January 31, 2004.

Marguerite has born on March 7, 1912 to Alvin and Rhoda (Carey) Whitchurch in Bad Axe.

She married Durward Bosley on July 25, 1931. They were the former owner of the Lakeside Dairy in Houghton Lake. She was a life-time member of the Eastern Star. She lived in Ionia, Houghton Lake, Grayling, and also Florida.

She is survived by her children: James (Maxine) Bosley of Ionia, Carole (Marvin) Hallett of Grayling, Jacqueline (Richard) Parham of Ft. Myers, FL; also survived by nine grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Durward A. Bosley on October 10, 1981.

Burial will take place at the Garden of Meditation of the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Ionia.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Sandra E. Boersma
Nov. 29, 1950 - Jan. 31, 2004
Sandra Elaine (Kelly) Boersma, age 53, a longtime resident of Grayling, died Saturday, January 31, 2004.

Interment at Holy Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction.

Arrangements by: John Santicu Funeral Home, Dearborn.

Melvin L. Beach
Sept. 2, 1929 - Feb. 2, 2004
Melvin L. Beach, age 74, died February 2, at Hilltop Manor Nursing Home.

No service will be held.
Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Wallace S. Kidwell
Wallace S. "Wally" Kidwell, age 73, of Grayling formerly of Waterford passed away on January 29, 2004.

Wally and his wife Mary raised their family in Waterford and retired to Grayling 13 years ago where Wally loved to hunt and fish. Wally retired in 1990 from Borin-Boice Building Supply after 40 years of service. In his retirement he was an active member of the Building and Zoning Board for Crawford County and with the South Branch Planning Commission.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary; children: David (Joyce) Kidwell of Waterford, Bob (Kathy) of Clarkston, Deanna Kidwell of Ortonville and Rich (Patti) Kidwell of Waterford; brothers Junior G. (Lois) Kidwell and Roger Kidwell; also survived by eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by siblings Robert, Helen, Margaret, Montvenia and Josephine.

Funeral services were held on February 2, 2004 at Grace & Peace Community Church in Pontiac. Interment immediately followed at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the church or Paralyzed Veterans of America. Arrangement by Coats Funeral Home, Waterford.

Edward John Hanson Jr.
Mar. 29, 1954 - Jan. 27, 2004
Edward John Hanson Jr., age 49, of Beaver Creek Township, died Tuesday, January 27, 2004.

Funeral services were held January 31, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Brad Jarmin
May 31, 1914 - Jan. 26, 2004
Brad Jarmin, age 89, passed away in Eugene, Oregon, on January 26 of 2004.

He was born in Bay City on May 31, 1914 and came to Grayling in 1917 when his father, Harold Jarmin, became the office manager for the DuPont charcoal plant during World War I. He married the former Pauline Lietz in 1938, and in 1941 they moved to San Francisco, California. They moved back to Grayling in 1981, and Pauline passed away in 1988. Before moving to San Francisco, he was the office manager for National Log Construction Company from 1936 to 1941. He was also a reporter for the Bay City Times, covering Crawford County. Most of the stories he filed bore his by-line. He covered all of the local independent basketball games, elections and Golden Gloves boxing matches and everything else of interest during his reporting years. Most of his stories were wired to the paper in Bay City by the railroad telegraphers at the train station which now houses the Historical Society.

He was an executive with a major international heavy construction company based in San Francisco and enjoyed a 36 year career with the firm. He retired in 1977. He participated in the construction of the Navajo Ordnance Depot near Flagstaff, Arizona, built at the beginning of World War II for ammunition storage. He was also involved in the Manhattan Project at Hanford, Washington; at the time it was the largest construction project in history. The highly secret project, at completion, produced the plutonium elements for the atomic bombs dropped on Japan during WW II. He also took part in the construction of McNary Dam and the Dalles Dam on the Columbia River, as well as modification work on Hoover Dam on the Colorado River. During his tenure with the company, he took

part in the building of a major portion of the freeway system in Southern California and the expansion of the Port of Long Beach. He was involved with some of the early expansion work at the San Francisco International Airport. A major flood control dam on the Republican River in Nebraska was also one of the many projects he was concerned with during his time with the company.

Brad is survived by his wife, Ramona, three step-children, Gail Burch of Vallejo, California, Lawrence Burch of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Nancy Baxter of Eugene, Oregon, as well as eight step-grandchildren and four step-great grandchildren, and his cousins, Ron Wood of Grayling and Kathleen Warren of Midland.

Inurnment took place at Eugene, Oregon. Services were private, at his request.

Eileen Sproule
July 11, 1923 - Jan. 25, 2004
Eileen Sproule, age 80, formerly of Dearborn and long time property owner on the Manistee River, died Sunday, January 25, 2004.

She leaves behind her children, Deborah (Ronald) and Barbara (Tom), and grandchildren Stephanie and Tim. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack.

A memorial service was held January 30, 2004.

Memorials are asked to be sent to the Upper Manistee River Association, P.O. Box 282, Grayling, Michigan 49738 or the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, 3860 North Long Lake, Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Arnold Moilanen
Apr. 12, 1922 - Jan. 30, 2004
Arnold William Moilanen, age 81, died January 30, 2004. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.
Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 80 complaints the week of January 26-February 1:

Sixteen traffic accidents, six non-traffic accidents, one traffic violations (civil infraction), one parking violation, one traffic safety public appearance, one property inspection, three liquor license inspections, five civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, one instructional activities, 20 general non-criminal, one vehicle fire,

one delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, two larceny, one stolen property, one damage to private property, one marijuana possession, one obstruction of justice - contempt of court, four public peace/disorderly, three health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest.

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OMH celebrates Medical Group Practice Week



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Otsego Memorial Hospital recognized the OMH Medical Group, January 26-30 during Medical Group Practice Week. Members include, from left: (front) Anna Grabowska Chebes, MD, Lina Daghistani, MD, Becky Ashley, MD, Lynn Squanda, DO; (back) Andrzej Chebes, MD, Julia Samalik, PA-C, Steve Kaufmann, DO, Robert P. Mee, DO, Karen Matron, PA-C, Ronald Weisberger, DO; not pictured - Kathleen Pawlanta, FNP, Mary Seger, GNP, PhD, Timothy Marsh, DO, Joseph Anders, DO, Changxin Li, MD, Jin K. Moon, MD, Colleen Vallad-Hix, DO, and Renee Mesack, PA-C.

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) recognized the OMH Medical Group in the inaugural year of National Medical Group Practice Week, which took place January 26-30.

National Medical Group Practice Week, founded by the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), is intended to advance public and industry awareness of the key benefits that group practices provide patients, communities and physicians and to recognize the professionals who lead and manage these organizations.

As defined by MGMA, a medical group practice is a legal entity (such as a partnership, professional corporation or foundation) in which three or more physicians practice medicine and share resources, such as clinical and administrative facilities, records and personnel. A group practice may include multiple specialties or physicians in a single specialty.

During the past several years, many providers have joined OMH. Until recently this group of providers was considered a department of the hospital and referred to as Physician Services. During 2003, OMH physicians selected the name OMH Medical

Group to identify this multi-specialty group.

The providers have long been leaders in the medical community, developing a wide range of services, and providing an environment designed to attract professional staff of the highest caliber to deliver high quality medical services to OMH patients.

"Our goal, last week, above all was to honor the physicians, nurses and support staff who are dedicated to the health of our community," said Skip Kasprzak, Vice President of Physician Services at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"The OMH Medical Group is a key element in the Otsego Memorial Hospital organization. Through this multi-specialty group of providers, the community is connected to the services of the entire hospital, and the hospital has an on-going connection to the community through primary and specialty care providers."

As the nation celebrated National Medical Group Practice Week, OMH also celebrated the recognition of its team of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, nurse aides and support staff in registration, billing, and medical records, as a valuable entity within the organization.

"The multi-specialty group practice operated by Otsego Memorial Hospital is connected not only through the benefits of association with the hospital," Kasprzak said, "but also a shared vision for serving the community."

The OMH Medical Group consists of 15 medical providers and the team that supports their practices. The group includes pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, integrative medicine, general surgery and an infusion therapy clinic. OMH Medical Group also works collaboratively with the providers at the MedCare Walk-In Clinic, located 1996 Walden Drive, and the Otsego Diagnostic and Specialty Clinic at 1320 E. M-32.

"Through last week's activities, the community and the staff throughout the organization recognized the tremendous impact our group has on healthcare services in our community," Kasprzak said.

The Medical Group Management Association, a trade association based in Englewood CO., which represents approximately 19,000 physician executives and medical group practice managers in 11,000 organizations representing 220,000 physicians nationwide.

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Public mental health faces huge Medicaid cuts

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health (NLCMH) recently learned that its Medicaid funding will be reduced as a result of the recently renewed Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) federal Medicaid waiver. This waiver allows the State to provide specialized mental health services, to persons receiving Medicaid benefits, through a managed care program.

The MDCH contracts with NLCMH to serve as the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan for the six counties it serves (Crawford, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon, and Wexford) and through its partnership with West Michigan Community Mental Health Systems for Lake, Mason, and Oceana counties.

As a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan, NLCMH is responsible to ensure that a comprehensive array of specialty mental health and substance abuse services and supports are available within the nine counties.

NLCMH contracts with Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services to "manage" the substance abuse benefit. Mental health services are provided through contracts with a wide range of service providers or directly by NLCMH. These services include:

- State Plan Services (services that are part of the Michigan Medicaid Plan, such as inpatient psychiatric, partial hospitalization, crisis residential, clinic services, etc.);
- Alternative Services (approved services that are wider and more flexible than State Plan Services, such as consumer delivered, respite, supported employment, etc.); and
- Home and Community Based Services for persons with developmental disabilities enrolled in this program, such as community living supports, supports coordi-

nation, etc.

Greg Paffhouse, Chief Executive Officer, said the reduction "is more than a 4.7% reduction of total Medicaid funding available. Based on previous experience, this will result in an approximate annual reduction of \$1.6 million in the six counties directly served by NLCMH."

He added, "The budget problems would have been significantly worse had the community mental health system had reductions this year in State general fund dollars as part of the State's budget balancing planning."

Paffhouse said further that the budget reduction will be offset some by the recently implemented Adult Benefit Waiver (a State program replacing the State Medical Assistance program that will allow adults enrolled to have access to health care) although the Adult Benefit Waiver also creates "expanded responsibilities."

Last year's merger between Great Lakes Community Mental Health (Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties) and North

Central Community Mental Health (Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford Counties) which created NLCMH, will be helpful in addressing this budget reduction, Paffhouse said.

"Because of cost saving plans implemented by both previous agencies and merger benefits, NLCMH has been successful in having prior year Medicaid savings that will allow time to well plan how to implement the budget reduction."

"Short term steps have been implemented, such as freezing all nonessential vacant positions, evaluating non-personnel expenditures for cost reductions, ensuring grants are used to their full extent, and negotiating only essential contract increases, while longer term planning continues, including reviewing all existing administrative and clinical programs and services as to priority related to mission and contract responsibilities."

Paffhouse said the budget reduction is one of many challenges NLCMH is experiencing

as Michigan has become more dependent on the Medicaid program to fund health care and as the State works to seek ways to deal with continued budget problems.

"The shift to Medicaid funding has shifted the community mental health system from the previous Community Model to a Health Plan Model," Paffhouse explained. "This has changed the roles and responsibilities of community mental health service programs and has raised concern regarding how well the public mental health system is able to meet its public 'safety net' responsibilities."

One outcome of this concern has been the creation by Governor Jennifer Granholm of a Mental Health Commission that will begin meeting next week.

The charge of this commission includes identifying and prioritizing pressing issues and significant challenges that must be addressed to preserve and improve services for adults and children with serious mental illness or emotional disturbances.

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KCC instructor discusses grant writing at GVSU

Program prepares students for design world

Kirtland marketing and economics instructor, Dr. Judith Grenkiewicz, will address the eighth annual Institute on Service Learning held at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Allendale.

Grenkiewicz will present a hands-on approach for faculty and staff members to learn how to best facilitate student and community grant writing. She will address the gathering on Thursday, February 5.

At Kirtland, she teaches a grant-writing course that has been popular among area business, and community and governmental agencies.

Also, Nick Horton, a Kirtland math instructor and the college's coordinator for service learning, will be presenting several sessions at the conference.

For more information on Dr. Grenkiewicz's grant-writing course, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 219; or about service learning at Kirtland, dial ext. 412.

Registration deadline nears for ACT test

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 3, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is February 27. Late registration postmark deadline, which comes with an additional fee, is March 12. Test fee is \$26.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities. Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, courses taken, extracurricular activities, and other information to determine admissions and course placement.

For more information, including registration forms, contact your high school guidance counselor or log on to: www.act.org.

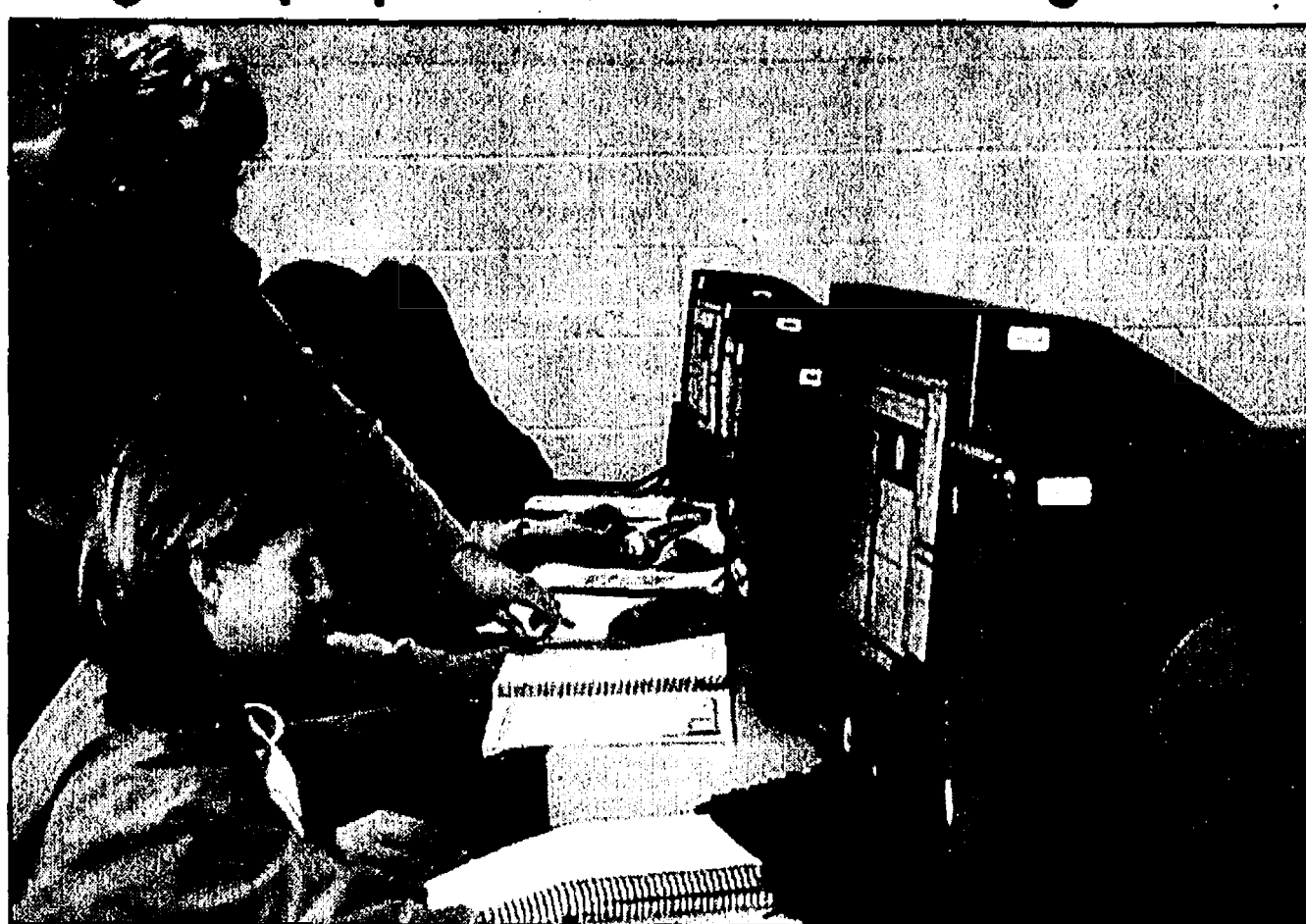


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The COOR Intermediate School District's Career Tech Center offers a Computer Graphics program for 11th and 12th grade students enrolled in several area schools. The course prepares students with skills needed to work in the computer design and marketing fields and counts toward high school and college credits.

Submitted by Janine Boulay

Have you ever seen a magazine ad or business card that was so incredible that you wondered, "how did they do that?" Now there's a way to find out.

COOR Intermediate School District's COOR Area Career Tech Center (CTC) offers a Computer Graphics program to 11th and 12th grade high school students from Crawford AuSable, Fairview Area, Gerrish-Higgins, Houghton Lake Community, Mio-AuSable, and West Branch-Rose City Area school districts.

Students are able to participate in the program as part of their home school's course offering, from noon until 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, throughout the school year.

The Computer Graphics program offered by COOR CTC department provides school students the opportunity to learn

skills needed to succeed in the computer design/marketing field and, at the same time, earn high school and college credit. Students will be ready for commercial art, newspaper, and desktop publishing careers when they successfully complete this program.

"We've done some exciting things this year. My COOR CTC students have surpassed my expectations with the work they have completed. Adobe Photoshop and QuarkXPress have brought out an incredible amount of talent in my students," said Kathy Neff, Career Tech Center Instructor.

The computer graphics class offered by COOR CTC focuses on Adobe Photoshop - a photo retouching and manipulation program - and QuarkXPress - a page layout program used to create ads, magazines, catalogs, etc. "We mainly focus on Adobe

Photoshop and QuarkXPress; however, if time allows, we will be working with Power Point and learning web design," Neff said.

The COOR CTC students have proudly displayed their work at an Art Show featuring their work from Adobe Photoshop, which provided the opportunity for their home school principals and counselors to view.

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Tax season opens with debut of 1040 Central

► IRS offers place online to get answers to questions, forms

Taxpayers pondering a question, searching for a form, or looking for their refund, can now go to just one place: 1040 Central at www.irs.gov. "We are kicking off a new tax year by alerting taxpayers that 1040 Central and other enhanced

electronic services should make our web site an even easier-to-use source of information," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford. "Millions of Michiganders begin receiving their tax packages for the 2004 tax season this week," she added.

Wreford said that at www.irs.gov, taxpayers will find information on 1040 Central about lower tax rates, larger child tax credits and the elimination of the "marriage penalty." There are new income limits for earned income tax credit recipients. Investors will find new rates on capital gains and dividends and a revised Schedule D.

Taxpayers should also review the advance child tax credit information to avoid an error on their 2003 tax return that could slow their refund.

In early January, 1.7 million veteran electronic tax filers in Michigan received postcards and over 2 million paper filers received the Form 1040 booklets as the 2004 filing season gets under way. The IRS expects to process 4.7 million individual tax returns in Michigan this year, approximately the same as last year. This year, more than 2 million taxpayers in Michigan will opt for the easier and faster IRS e-file, which is also the quickest route to a refund.

IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson unveiled the new 1040 Central feature on www.irs.gov that is designed specifically for individual taxpayers and for the tax professionals helping them. The new page pulls together much of the step-by-step information taxpayers need to prepare and file a return -- and check on refunds.

"At 1040 Central, taxpayers will find virtually everything they need for their 2003 tax return. The 1040 Central page can be a one stop location for help," Wreford said. "The 1040 Central section reflects our effort to make www.irs.gov the easiest, fastest and best option for taxpayers. You don't have to come to us; we are available to you electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

At 1040 Central, individuals will find:

- What's New This Year, which

highlights the latest tax law changes, tax tips, news releases and frequently asked questions;

- Get Ready to File, which provides links to information about the earned income tax credit, the 2003 advance child tax credit and commonly used forms and tax instructions;

- File Your Return, which provides links to IRS e-file and free file, the free service provided by IRS partners in the tax software preparation industry;

- After You File, which includes the interactive Where's My Refund? that allows taxpayers to track the status of their refund;

- More Assistance, which helps taxpayers locate additional information sources.

The 1040 Central page can also help taxpayers avoid errors when it comes to the advance child tax credit that over 844,000 Michigan families received last year. The child tax credit increased to \$1,000 from \$600. Taxpayers must reduce their 2003 claimed credit by the amount of the advance payment check they received last year. The amount of the advance payment was shown on Notice 1319, mailed to eligible taxpayers last year. Taxpayers can also check the amount of their advance child tax credit at 1040 Central.

Also at 1040 Central, taxpayers will find easy access to IRS e-file information, including lists of e-filing tax practitioners by zip code, and access to IRS free file, the partnership with private-sector tax preparation software manufacturers. The IRS will provide additional information about free file later this month. More than 2 million taxpayers nationwide used free file's services last year, its first year of operation.

Wreford said that, according to the American Customer Survey Index, which rates private and public sector service industries, taxpayers who use IRS e-file have a higher satisfaction rating than those who still use paper returns. Filing electronically remains the fastest, easiest route to a quick refund. When used with direct deposit, e-file means a refund in about two weeks, or even less.

Millions of Americans have lower tax rates this year. For 2003, the tax law changes

include:

- Expanded 10 percent and 15 percent income tax brackets.
- Lowered tax rates to 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent and 35 percent.
- Increased standard deduction to \$4,750 for single taxpayers, \$7,000 for head of household and \$9,500 for couples filing as married filing jointly.
- Increased child tax credit to \$1,000 per qualified child from \$600.
- Tax relief for military families.

The increase in the standard deduction for couples whose filing status is married filing jointly eliminates the so-called "marriage penalty." The changes in tax rates will automatically be reflected in the tax rate tables. The IRS also urges military families to review tax law changes. Some changes will require military families to file amended returns to fully claim some retroactive tax relief.

"More taxpayers may qualify for the earned income tax credit (EITC) this year," Wreford said. "The new limits for earned income or adjusted gross income are less than \$33,692 with more than one qualifying child, less than \$29,666 with one qualifying child and less than \$11,230 with no qualifying child. All EITC income limits are \$1,000 higher if taxpayers file as married filing jointly. However, taxpayers should carefully review EITC eligibility requirements to determine if they meet all the participation rules."

Wreford added that taxpayers with investment income will have a new Schedule D to use as new rates take effect for capital gains. For gains after May 5, 2003, the 10 percent rate is reduced to 5 percent and the 20 percent rate is reduced to 15 percent. Dividends paid after December 31, 2002 will be taxed at the new capital gains rate.

And, Wreford reminds taxpayers that the tax-filing season also brings out unscrupulous promoters touting various scams and schemes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Information on the latest scams and schemes is available at www.irs.gov.

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Tribe offers \$25,000 reward following death threats

The Sault Tribe is offering \$25,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for making repeated death threats against Tribal Chairman Bernard Bouschor, his family and associates.

In recent weeks, the Tribe has received multiple written death

threats against the tribal chairman, employees, and their families. All known information about the threats has been turned over to the FBI, the U.S. Postal Service, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Sadly, terrorism has reared its ugly head in the Sault Tribe," said Chairman Bouschor, who

has received death threats against his family at his office and home.

"In recent months, tribal politics has become increasingly hostile in rhetoric and e-mails. However, these threats are crimes of political terrorism," Bouschor said.

Anyone with information relating to a small package mailed to the Tribal office on or about December 30, 2003 and anyone who observed someone placing a piece of paper on a late model light metallic-colored minivan at the Tribal Board of Directors meeting in the Kinross Recreation Center on the evening of January 20, 2004, is asked to contact authorities.

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CARE Night raises \$9,000 for United Way

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

About 75 people bundled up and braved bitter temperatures just to make their way to the annual Crawford County United Way (CCUW) CARE Night auction, held January 24 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling.

CCUW Executive Director April Brunger reported the event raised about \$9,000, making a big difference in helping reach the organization's goal of \$65,000.

About 170 items were donated by local businesses, organizations and individuals to the auction for bidding. Proceeds from CARE Night (Community, Auction, Raffle, Entertainment) go the CCUW to help many local agencies provide much needed services in the community.

"It never ceases to amaze me how much support this community is willing to give for our fundraisers," said Brunger. "At this time we have 18 local agencies we help fund, and without the community support, we couldn't do it."

This year, professional auctioneer Clayton Cannis, of Cheboygan, really gave the auction a new flavor, providing fast-paced bidding and lots of laughs.

Perhaps the most exciting moment of the night came when "surrogate bidder" Marianne Gosnell, of Grayling, (bidding for Jack Bickler who was unable to attend), went toe-to-toe in a frenzy of bids with Bruce Schroeder, until he could bid no more. They were vying for a hot air balloon ride for four over Traverse City. Bickler won the bid.

Each year, the CCUW urges everyone to attend because it is affordable for just about everyone, and a lot of fun. Admission is only \$5 and many items, like



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

Auctioneer Clayton Cannis, of Cheboygan, rallied bidders, coaxing them higher and higher, all to benefit the Crawford County United Way.

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Wayne Koppa and retired sheriff Dave Lovely prepare to sell 50/50 raffle tickets, while Gerry and Bruce Schroeder bid on silent auction items.



Marianne Gosnell, bidding for the absent Jack Bickler, contemplates raising her bid to beat out Bruce Schroeder. Gosnell outlasted Schroeder, and Bickler took the top auction item, a hot air balloon ride for four, for about \$800.



That's no way to react to a reporter with a camera! Jeddy Hood, Gail Madsen, Skip Madsen and Lynn Porritt-McConnell were caught off-guard while strategizing their next bidding move. That's George Stancil with his back to us, chatting with Gary McConnell.

Stamas to guide tour of Camp Grayling

LANSING — State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-Midland) will guide officials from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) on a tour of Camp Grayling and Alpena's Michigan National Guard Training Facility next Monday.

Stamas plans to provide the MEDC with a firsthand glimpse of why these two facilities in northern Michigan would be the perfect location for placement of

the Homeland Security Midwest Regional Training Facility.

The Michigan National Guard has a combat-readiness training facility in Alpena and a training facility at Camp Grayling. Stamas said combining resources of both facilities would provide two military fields, an emergency medical hospital, housing and an estimated 150,000 acres of space to use for training.

Accompanying Stamas on the tour will be MEDC's Vice President of Government Relations Matthew Sweeney and officials Fred Grassman and MEDC Peggy Lowenstein.

The group is scheduled to tour Camp Grayling from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on February 9, then move on to the Alpena training facility for a tour from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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GMS names Students of the Month for January



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Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are, from left: (back row) Eva Clark, Kristi Calkins, Fawn Filley, Ashley Pickett, Wendy Locke, Reid Holzbauer, Josh Stapleton, Shawn Redmond; (middle row) Jeff Woolsey, Kelsey Neuberger, Matt Townsend, Cody Collen, Matt Barkway, William Fowler, Dennis Horton, Ross Teeple; (front row) Arieal Lynch, Shivam Patel, Selina Anglemeyer, Chelsea Hermann, Kameron Hobson, John Cochrane, Travis Westover, Tabbitha Pelkey, Mariah Horn. Not pictured: Joelissa Kolka, Matt Kuck, Jimmy Osga, Joannie Young.

Pop tax proposed to help fund schools

by Stephanie Korneffel
Capital News Service
LANSING — Soft drink consumers could pour more money into the state's school aid fund if a bill introduced in the Senate gets approval.

Sen. Virg Bernero (D-Lansing) wants the Legislature to extend the 6-percent sales tax to soft drinks, calling pop "the single biggest offender" to public nutrition.

"Soda pop creates a lot of

costs to our society," he said. "For children, it is an absolute disaster."

Extending the tax could bring an additional \$110 million in revenue to the state annually, Bernero said. His bill would allocate \$73 million of that to school aid. The rest would go toward the general fund, local revenue sharing, an AIDS program and another Bernero initiative dealing with food in school cafeterias.

That extra money would be good news for school districts such as Cadillac, where officials saw a decrease in funding last year.

Superintendent Paul Liabenow said any funds given to public schools would provide relief for a district where money to replace old school buses and increase professional development is scarce.

But officials of the state's soft drink industry said the tax would be discriminatory.

"Why would you select one food out for taxation?" said William Lobenherz, president of the Michigan Soft Drink

Association. "As soon as that happens, what will be next?"

"You wouldn't do it for cherry juice. There's no real difference."

This isn't the first time Bernero has focused his attention on the soda industry. In the past, he introduced a bill to ban all pop in schools, and another that would require all schools to have at least the same number of milk vending machines as pop machines. Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) endorsed the milk machine bill.

Liabenow said the Cadillac district already has milk and bottled water vending machines.

"We have a wide variety of drinks," he said.

Bernero's newest bill also would require schools to turn off soft drink vending machines while classes are in session.

Vending machines in Cadillac schools already are turned off during lunch hours, Liabenow said, adding that no food or drink is allowed in classrooms except for bottled water.

"We don't find kids are drinking more soda than those other

drinks," Liabenow said.

A recent study by the American Academy of Pediatrics found that between 56 and 85 percent of schoolchildren drink at least one pop a day. Adolescent males consume the highest amount.

Obesity among children also has doubled since the 1980s, something Bernero said the public needs to pay more attention to.

"It costs us not only human suffering, but in dollars and cents," he said.

But Lobenherz noted that pop contains nutrients such as minerals and carbohydrates.

Under Michigan law, food bought in stores or vending machines is not taxed. But Bernero said pop is just as harmful to public health as liquor or cigarettes and should be taxed as well.

"Certainly, we can't turn a blind eye to it," he said.

Lobenherz said pop is a made-in-Michigan product. The state has seven bottling facilities, including a Dr Pepper/Seven Up Inc. plant in Holland.

Governor praises Gillard's leadership

LANSING — State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) was among only four Michigan lawmakers spotlighted for their leadership abilities by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, following her annual State of the State Address.

She specifically lauded Gillard for aggressively promoting policies that will protect jobs and bring new businesses to northern Michigan.

"The leadership Rep. Gillard has shown to help deliver new economic growth and jobs to northeast Michigan is commendable," Granholm said.

"My economic plan outlined in the State of the State will help northeast Michigan create more small business growth, retain good-paying jobs and attract new businesses to the region."

The governor also highlighted Gillard's plan to protect the Mason Tract and the AuSable River from invasive natural gas exploration as further evidence of his leadership skills.

Gillard represents the 106th House District, which includes Crawford, Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

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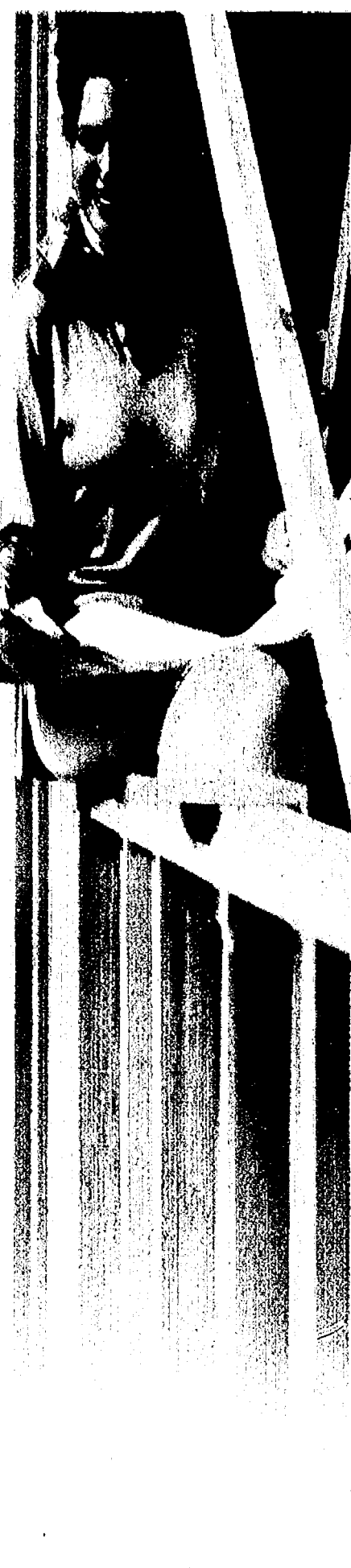
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Basketball 4B

Wrestlers win two at West Branch

Vikings defeat Standish and Ogemaw Heights on Thursday

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team defeated Ogemaw Heights and Standish last Thursday at West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

The Vikings won a close match against Ogemaw 42-36 and won by a large margin vs. Standish 63-12.

Winning both of their matches for Grayling were: Cody Verlinde (112), Jeff Baneroff (130), Adam Malone (135), Doug Webb (140), Joel Wilson (145), Dusty Partello (152), Darryl Babbitt (160), and Brandon Pratt (189). Corey Metzger (125), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Joe Ferrigan (heavyweight) each won one match.

On Saturday, Grayling split its squad into two groups and competed in separate tournaments.

Six varsity team wrestlers competed in the 27-team Northern Michigan Championships at Gaylord, and all six Vikings qualified for the championship round. Final placements included: Malone (135), 5th; Wilson (145), 2nd; Partello (152), 2nd; Babbitt (160), 2nd; Pratt (189), 2nd; Rosecrans (215), 3rd.

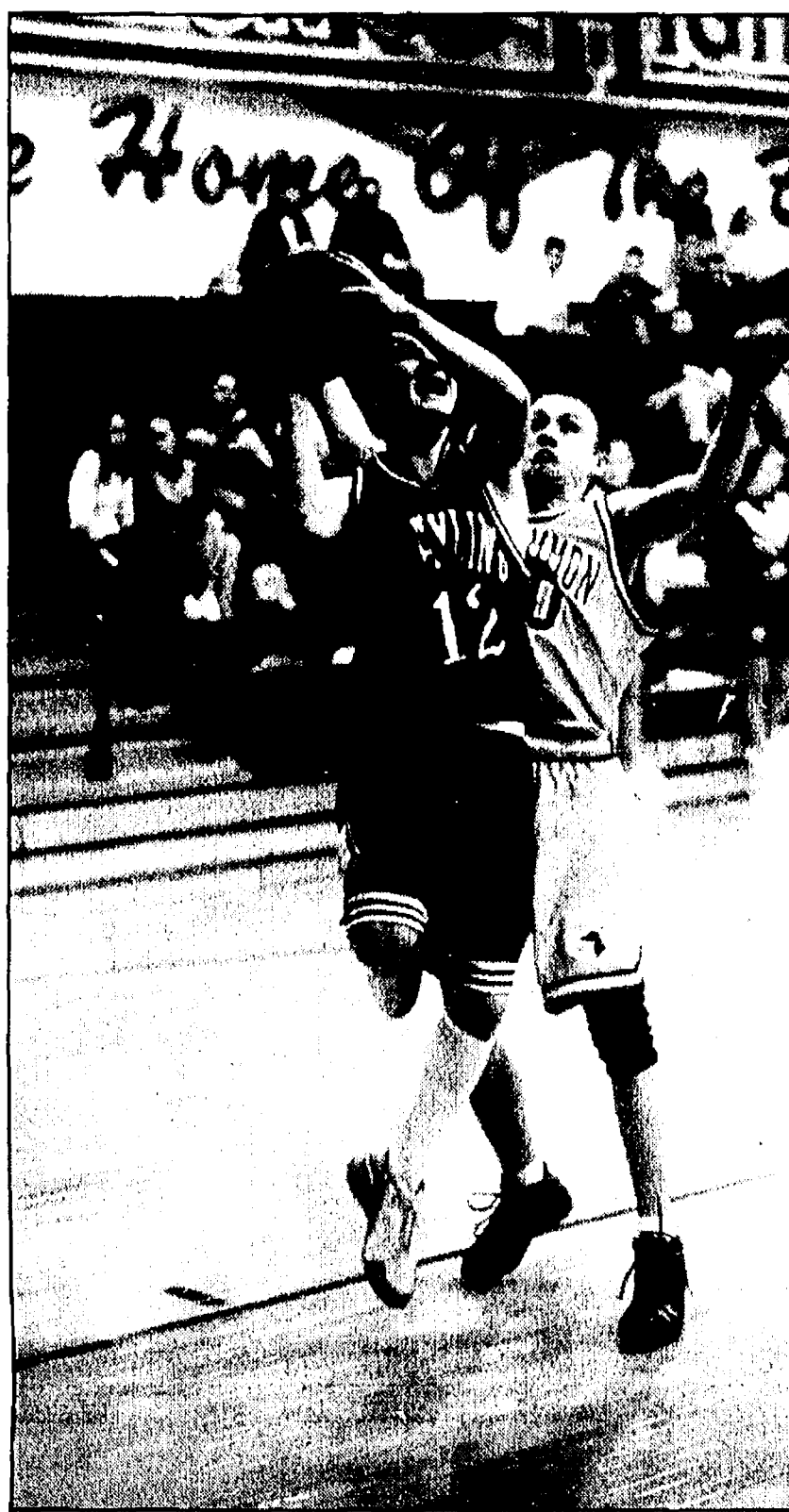
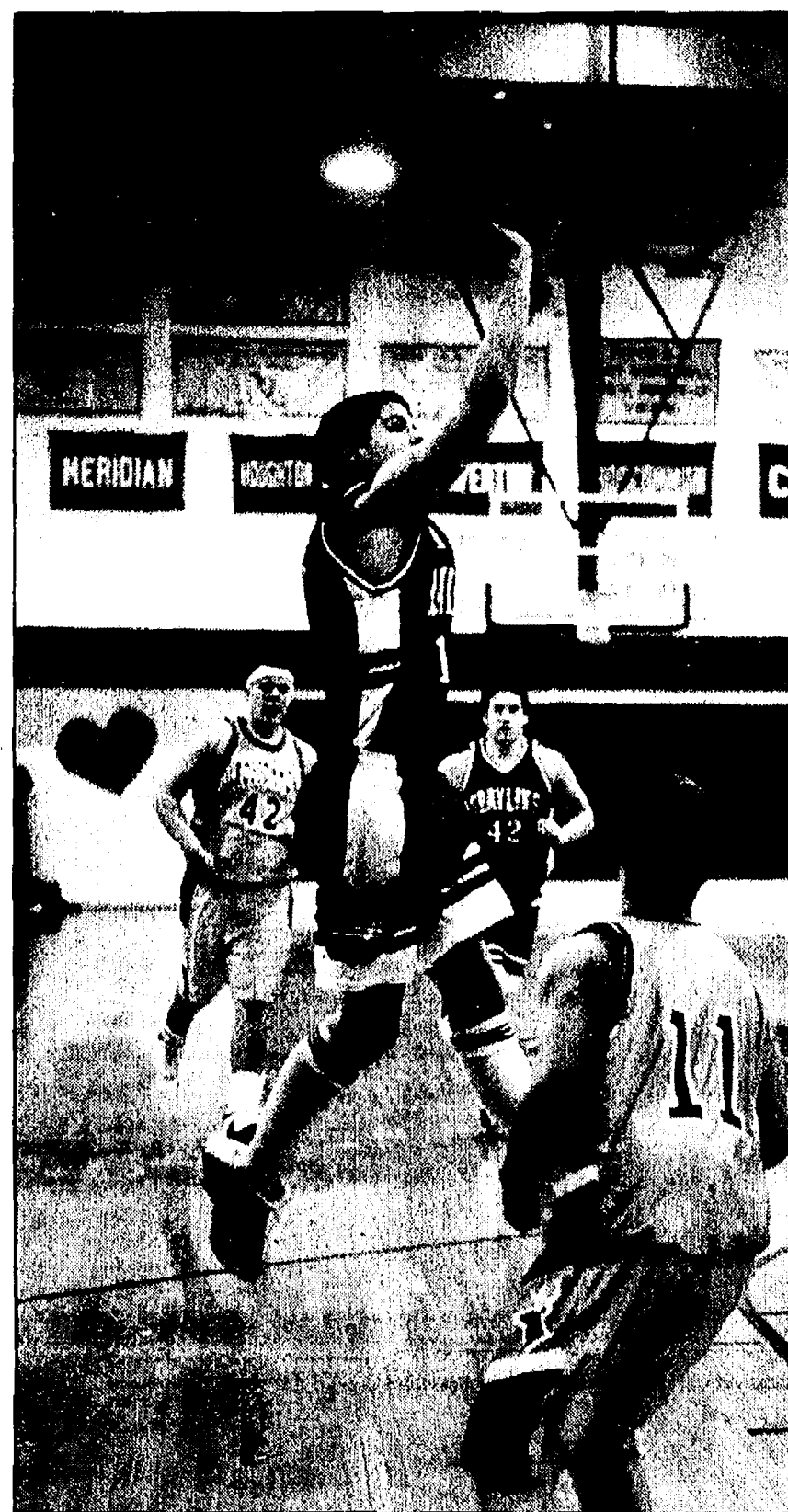
As a team, Grayling tied for 5th (out of 27) with Rogers City with 122 team points.

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Vikings win at RHS



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Ryan Schmidt takes a jump shot for Grayling in last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game at Roscommon. (Right) Ron Johnston drives to the basket in the JV game at RHS on Tuesday night. The Vikings won both games. For more, see Page 4B.

Grayling skiers race against 7 ranked teams

High school ski competition at Boyne Mountain last week featured seven of the top 10 boys and girls teams in the state polls.

Last Monday's Gaylord Invitational Meet (boys competition) was won by Maple City Glen Lake (ranked #6), followed by Cranbrook/Kingsford (#9), Grayling (#10), Gaylord, Benzie Central (#8), Inland Lakes, Traverse City St. Francis (#2), and Bellaire.

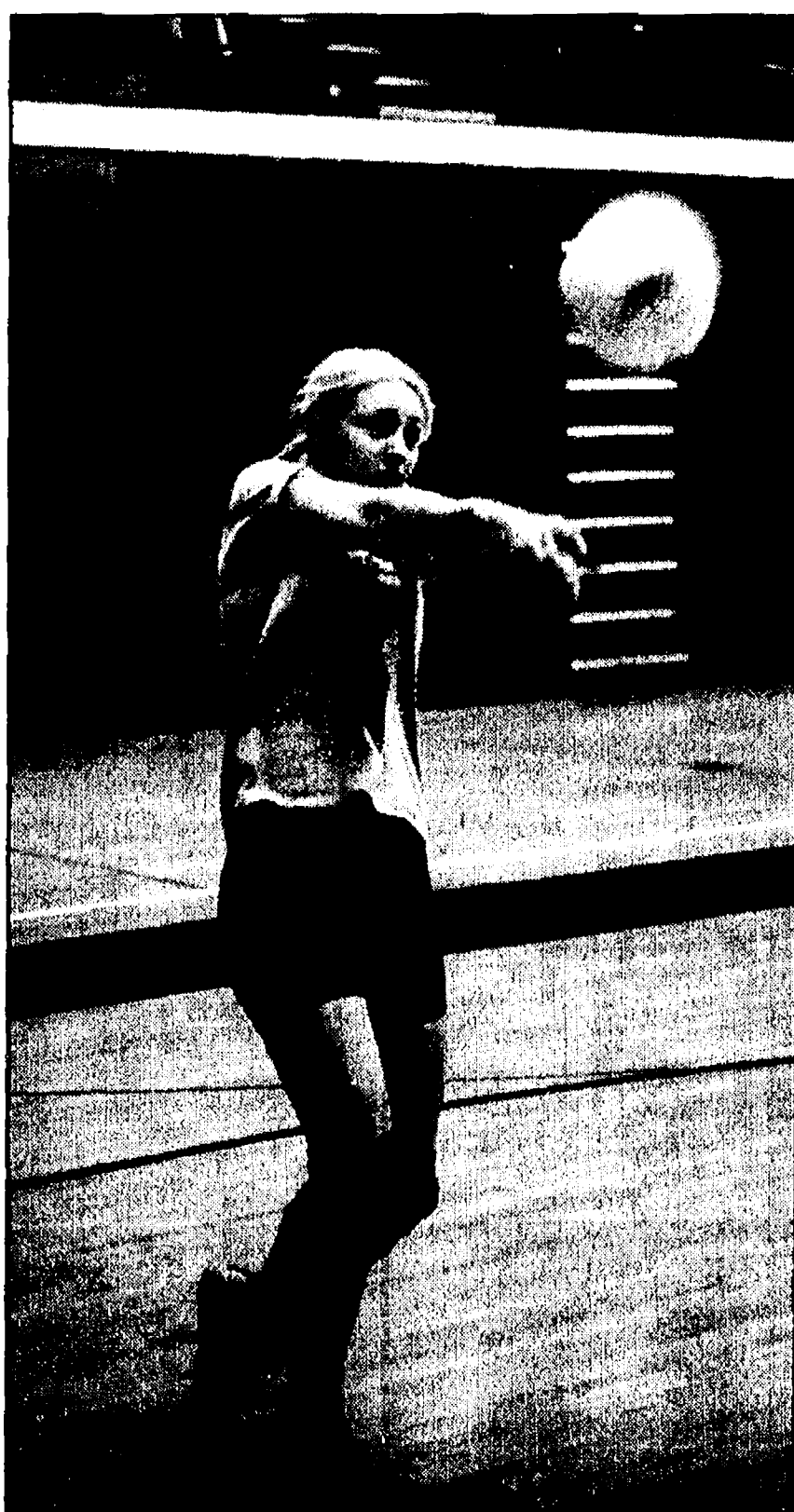
Grayling was second after the giant slalom (GS) event and placed fourth in slalom to finish third overall.

The top racers for Grayling were: Jim Jansen, 11th in slalom, 7th in GS; Trevor Clough, 8th in slalom, 15th in GS; Adam Gilbert, 17th in slalom, 14th in GS; Pat McNally, disqualified in slalom, 16th in GS; Andrew Hart (a freshman racing in his first meet), 30th in slalom; Jimmy Hilbrecht (freshman), 37th in slalom; Chris Gildner (freshman), 42nd in GS.

The girls competition featured Gaylord (ranked #4 in Class A), Cranbrook/Kingswood (#2 in BCD), Traverse City St. Francis (#4), and Maple City Glen Lake (#6).

The girls competition was won by Traverse City St. Francis, followed by Bellaire, Gaylord, Benzie Central, Cranbrook/Kingswood, Continued on Page 2B
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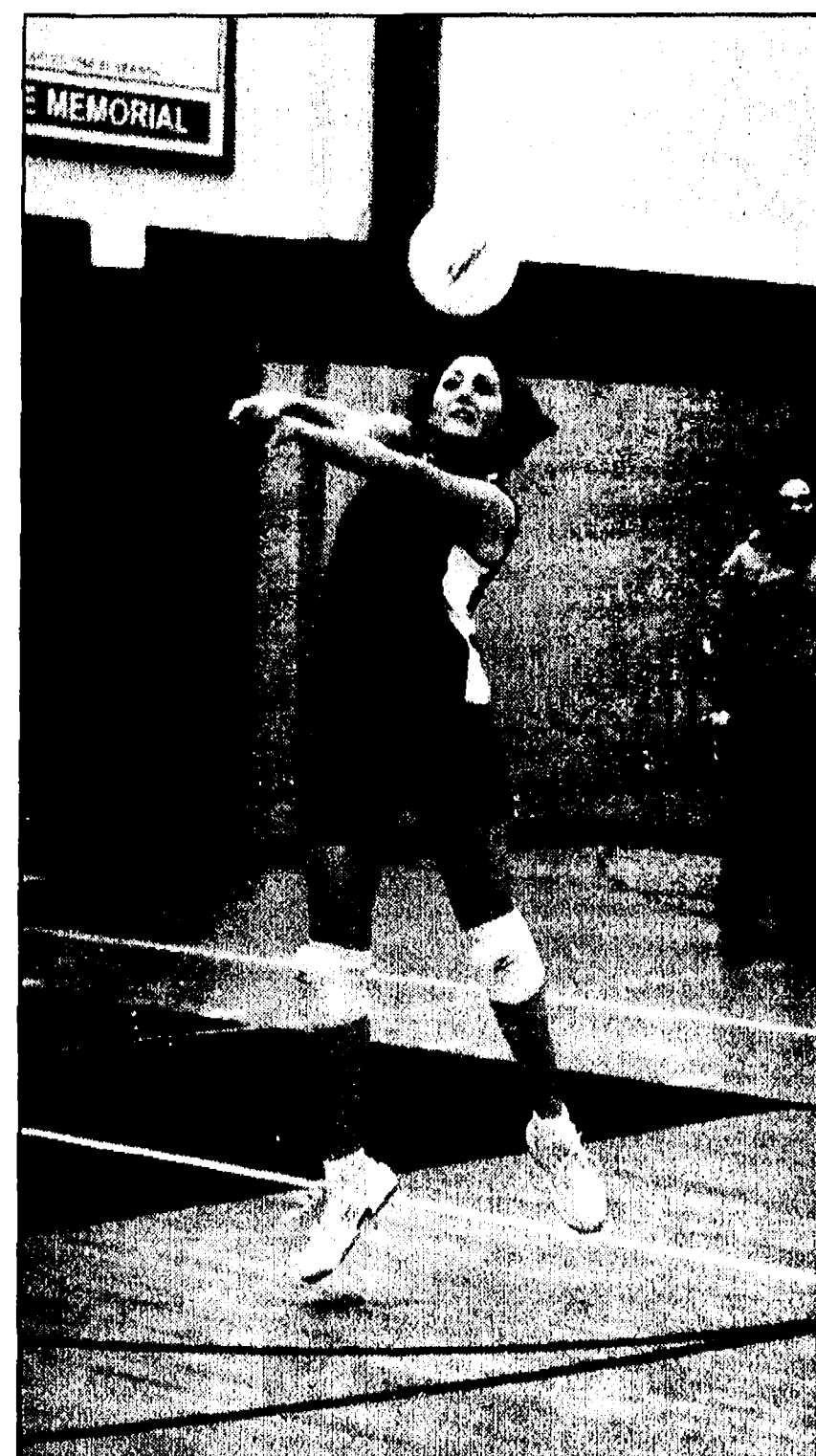
Vikings win two of three vs. Bobcats



Heather Lafferty handles a Houghton Lake serve in last Monday's freshman girls volleyball series at Grayling High School.



Tequila Reynolds goes up for a shot near the net on Monday in the JV girls volleyball contest vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats.



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Jaimi Drudge makes contact in the Grayling vs. Houghton Lake varsity volleyball series last Monday. For more on the varsity team, and JV and freshman teams, see Page 3B.

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Vikings win 2 of 3 vs. Bobcats

Varsity and junior varsity teams defeat Houghton Lake

In a meet at GHS last Monday, Grayling High School's three volleyball teams won two of three matches against the visiting Bobcats of Houghton Lake.

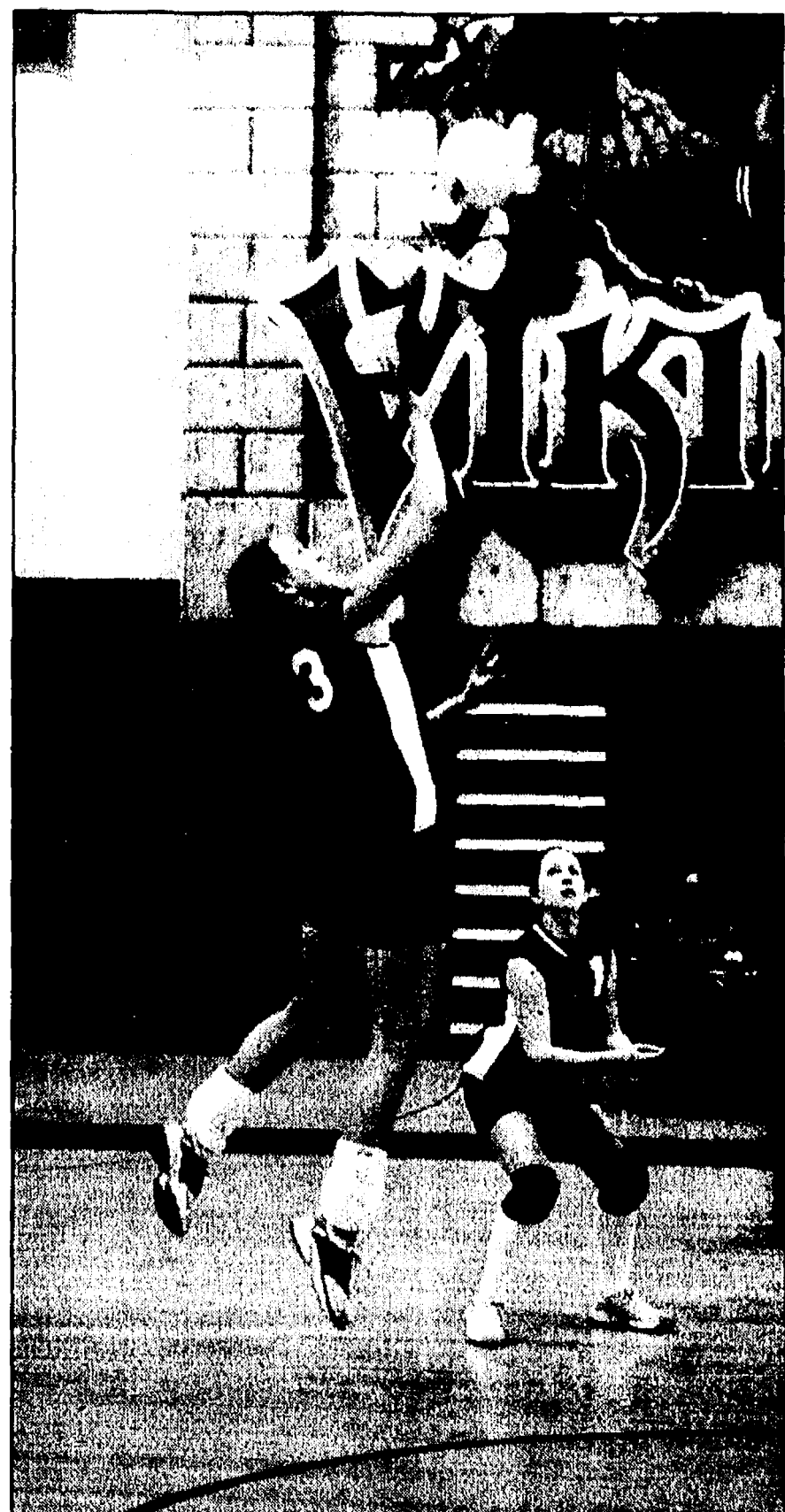
Grayling's junior varsity squad won its series vs. Houghton Lake 2-0 with scores of 15-8, 15-5.

The freshman team lost game

one 15-10, but tied the series at 1-1 with a 15-9 victory in game two. Houghton Lake won the rubber match 15-8 to win the series 2-1.

In the varsity series, Grayling got off to a slow start and lost game one 15-11. The Vikings rallied and won the next two games by scores of 15-6 and 15-5 to win the series 2-1.

The varsity volleyball team will host the Subway Invitational tournament on Saturday, February 7, at GHS starting at 9 a.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ashley Hawley goes up for a ball near the net in last week's varsity girls volleyball meet at GHS.



Erin Westman handles a Houghton Lake serve in the varsity series on Monday.



Andrea Southard sets for Grayling in the JV match vs. Houghton Lake on Monday.



Monica Leslie receives a serve from Houghton Lake in the freshman volleyball match on Monday.



Kelly Lange sets a ball during last week's freshman volleyball series at GHS.

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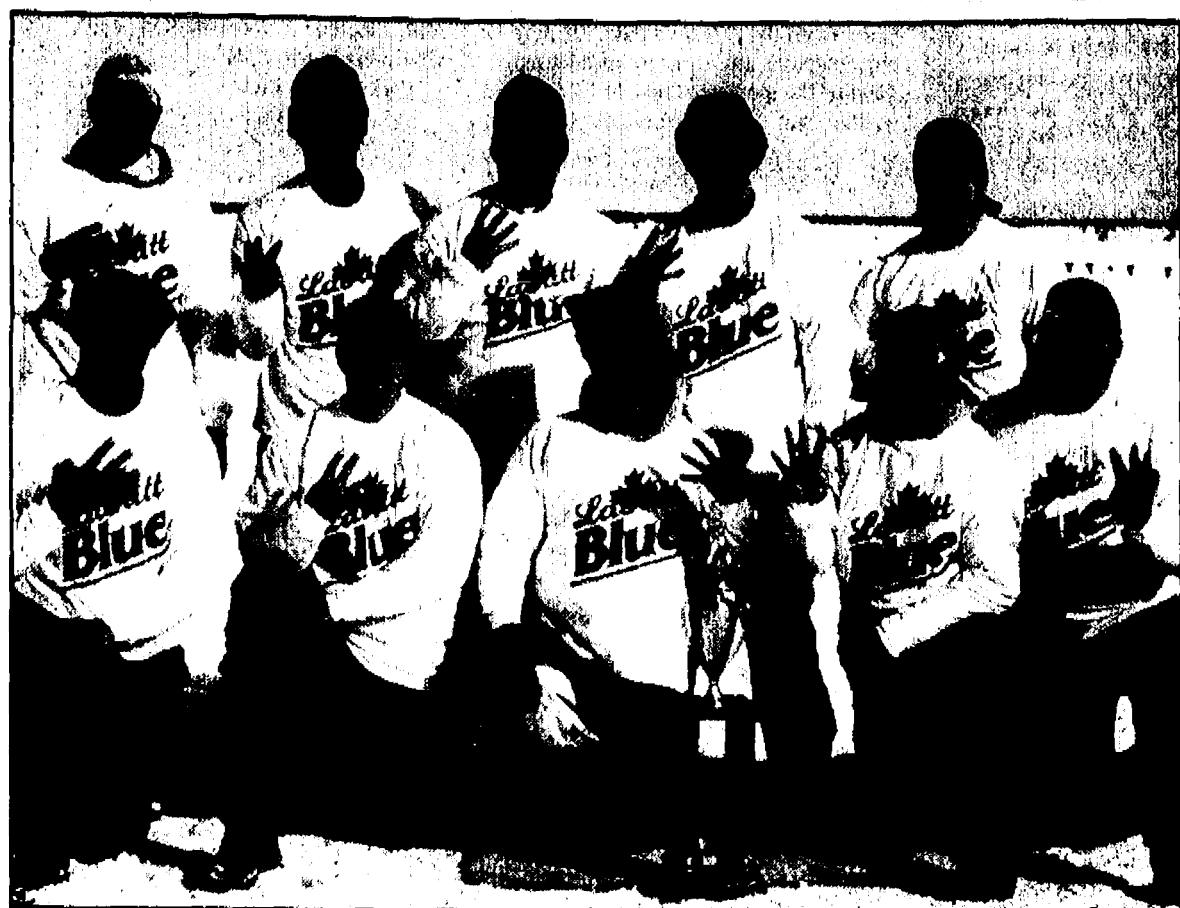
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Local team wins 4th Tip Up Town title



Northwoods, a team consisting mostly of players from the Grayling area, recently posted its fourth consecutive Tip Up Town softball on ice championship at this year's Tip Up Town event, held on the ice of Houghton Lake. Northwoods was 3-0 in the four-day, single-elimination tournament and sealed its fourth straight TUT title with a 7-1 victory in the event's championship game on Sunday, January 25. This year's Northwoods TUT team was sponsored by Big Gator Painting. The team: (front, left to right) Corey Derenzy, Joel Mack, Darrell Metzger, Dave Burr, Dale Metzger; (back, left to right) Troy McDonald, Mark Burke, Tom Barnes, Travis Hulbert, Caleb Casey. Not pictured: Max Prosser.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation
 Glen's Market . . . 16 - 4
 Woody Girls . . . 15 - 5
 Chicken Little . . . 12 - 8
 Mickey Perez CPA . . . 12 - 8
 Peterson Service . . . 9 - 11
 Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 7 - 13
 Gale Enterprises . . . 5 - 11
 Coldwell Banker . . . 4 - 16
 High Series: K. Moshier, 487; S. Harney, 479; L. Dellar, 458.
 High Game: K. Moshier, 190; S. Harney, 188; S. Rozenek, 182.
Monday Night Pioneer
 McDonald's . . . 18 - 6
 Grayling Restaurant . . . 17 - 7
 Custom Interior . . . 13 - 11
 Chemical Bank . . . 12.5 - 11.5
 Grayling Chiro.Clinic 11.5 - 12.5
 Rochette's . . . 10 - 14
 AJD Forest Product . . . 8 - 16
 South Side River Rats . . . 6 - 18
 High Series: K. Moshier, 517; M. Rock, 504; L. Golinick, 502.
 High Game: M. Rock, 187; B. LaMotte, 184; L. Golinick, 182.
Friday Mixed Doubles
 Calkins Excavating . . . 19 - 9

Charlies Country Corner .15 - 13
 Moshier Auto Repair .14 - 14
 Double Trouble . . . 13 - 15
 4 F.I. . . . 13 - 15
 American Legion . . . 10 - 18
 Mens High Series: R. Trudeau, 650; J. Campbell, 548; C. Hanson, 504. Mens High Game: R. Trudeau, 232; J. Campbell, 224; C. Hanson, 180. Women High Series: K. Trudeau, 507; D. Medina, 502; K. Moshier, 491. Women High Game: K. Trudeau, 194; D. Medina, 177; K. Moshier, 173.
ABC Bowling Tournament
 Eagles Club . . . 3051
 Faustman Insurance . . . 2996
 Fenton's Auto Service . . . 2989
 McLeans ACE . . . 2952
 Charlie's Country Corner . . . 2949
 Corky's Karaoke . . . 2945
 Sawmill Tavern . . . 2903
 Sawmill Billards . . . 2832
 High Series: D. Canfield, 609; D. Henning, 580; R. Mansfield, 573. High Game: J. Arwood, 246; M. Morey, 237; D. Canfield, 234.

Northwood League
 Three Chicks . . . 24 - 12
 Hals Masonary . . . 16 - 20
 Choppers Spares . . . 15 - 21
 Bud Lite Chicks . . . 14 - 22
 Great Lakes Mortgage . . . 07 - 29
 High Series: T. Benardo, 460; Nancy, 435; A. Contreras, 416. High Game: K. Harris, 174; T. Benardo, 172; A. Contreras, 157.
 Senior Bowling
 Spikes Keg O'Neil . . . 55 - 29
 Flowers By Josie . . . 53 - 31
 Kicking Grass . . . 46.5 - 37.5
 Gray Rock . . . 46 - 38
 Grayling Pharmacy . . . 43 - 41
 Sylvesters Sports . . . 34.5 - 49.5
 Lone Pine Restaurant . . . 29 - 55
 Bear's Den Pizza . . . 29 - 55
 Men's High Series: B. Hollis, 568; K. Harris, 548; K. Louchart, 496. Men's High Game: O. Brantley, 205; B. Hollis, 203; K. Harris, 193. Women's High Series: C. Clark, 557; N. Glasslee, 468; M. Rysso, 458. Women's High Game: C. Clark, 199; N. Glasslee, 163; M. Rysso, 163.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings (1-26-04)
 Frederic Inn . . . 125
 Gray Rock . . . 103
 Legion . . . 95
 Plaza . . . 126
 Sawmill I . . . 83
 Sawmill II . . . 152
 5 Ball Runs: Rose (Frederic Inn), Siss (Frederic Inn), Vickie (Sawmill I), 6 Ball Runs: LaChelle (Sawmill II).
Men's Standings

Legion . . . 36
 Sawmill Fun . . . 22
 Sawmill Table Runners . . . 29
 Riverside . . . 16
 Plaza . . . 26
 Ole Barn . . . 29
 Frederic Inn . . . 29
 Sawmill Last Minute Men . . . 29
 8 Ball Runs: Mark J. (Legion), Scott B. & Wally (Ole Barn).
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky T. Egan, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to The Mortgage Store, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001, and recorded on May 30, 2001 in Liber 537 on Page 473, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee by an assignment dated April 13, 2001 recorded on May 30, 2001 in Liber 537 on Page 492, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five And 78/100 Dollars (\$87,225.78), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in

Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning on the East line of said Section 27 at a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1027.80 feet along said East line from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence continuing along said East line of Section 27 South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 305.00 feet to the Southeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 370.00 feet along the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 12 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East 311.70 feet; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a private drive easement for ingress and egress and for the installation and maintenance of public utilities over that part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as a strip of land 66.0 feet in width and lying 33.0 feet either side of a centerline which is described as beginning on the East line of said Section 27 at a point which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 1027.80 feet along said East line from East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 300.00 feet; thence South 12 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West 277.94 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West

1954.50 feet along a line which is 33.0 feet North of and parallel with the South line of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of ending of this centerline description.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2004
 For more information, please call:
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 Troit & Troit, P.C.
 Attorneys For Flagstar Bank, FSB
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
 File #008537F01 -15-22-29-5

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Douglas K. Moggo and Pauline Moggo to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated June 17, 1996, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on June 20, 1996, in Liber 413, Page(s) 254, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$53,810.86, and no proceedings

having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9.25 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, State of Michigan described as follows:

That certain parcel of land located within the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, bounded by a line beginning at the Section corner at the Northwest corner of said forty-acre tract and running thence East 132 feet; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet, thence North 330 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being in the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

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Following are some precautions and tips to keep in mind when faced with chipped, broken or knocked-out teeth:

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- Find all parts of the chipped tooth and remember to handle the tooth by the top, not the root.
- Do not Clean or handle the tooth unnecessarily.
- Reinsert the tooth into the socket, if possible. If the tooth cannot be reinserted, place it in a cup of milk or water.
- See the dentist immediately

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Bisol, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2002, and recorded on November 21, 2002 in Liber 608 on Page

478, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two And 06/100 Dollars (\$45,882.06), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 25, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, lying South M-72, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 22, 2004
 For more information, please call:
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 Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation
 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

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Case No. 03-6184 CH
Warbler's Hideaway Association
David R. Sabin (P19822)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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TO: All Defendants

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in
this court to foreclose liens against your
real estate by plaintiff for dues, assess-
ments and reimbursement of taxes paid by
plaintiff. You must file your answer or
take other action permitted by law in this
court at the court address above on or
before February 25, 2004. If you fail to
do so, a default judgment may be entered
against you for the relief demanded in the
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Dated: January 21, 2004
Judge Honorable Alton T. Davis
(P24472).

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gle man, original mortgagor(s), to
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September 29, 1999, and recorded on
October 12, 1999 in Liber 492 on Page
541, and assigned by mesne assignments
to First Nationwide Mortgage
Corporation, a Delaware Corporation as
assignee by an assignment dated March 2,
2000 recorded on April 26, 2000 in Liber
506 on Page 576, in Crawford county
records, Michigan, on which mortgage
there is claimed to be due at the date here-
of the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Three
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(\$46,368.07), including interest at 8.5%
per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby given
that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a
sale of the mortgaged premises, or some
part of them, at public venue, at the
Front door of the County Building in
Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 18,
2004.

Said premises are situated in Township
of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,
and are described as: Lot 10, Wakely
Woods Subdivision, Township of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,
according to the recorded plat thereof,
as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 18,
Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6
months from the date of such sale, unless
determined abandoned in accordance
with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC 12 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For CitiMortgage, Inc. as
successor in interest to First Nationwide
Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware
Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-
5822
File #008312101

-15-22-29-5

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Peter M. Schneiderman &
Associates,
P.C., is attempting to collect a debt

and any information obtained will be
used for that purpose. Please contact
our office at (248) 539-7400 if you
are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the conditions of a
mortgage made by: Heather Gorski,
a married women and Helmut Fritz,
a married man to The Huntington
National Bank, successor by merger
to Empire National Bank,
Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2000 and
recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber
0511 on Page 311, Crawford County
Records, Michigan, on which mort-
gage there is claimed to be due at the
date hereof the sum of thirty one
thousand six hundred forty seven and
48/100 dollars (\$31,647.48), includ-
ing interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale con-
tained in said mortgage and the
statute in such case made and provid-
ed, notice is hereby given that said
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the mortgaged premises, or some
part of them, at public venue, at the
front door to the County Building in
Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock
a.m. on February 25, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the
City of Grayling, Crawford County,
Michigan and are described as:

Lot 16, Wakely Woods
Subdivision

The redemption period shall be 6
months from the date of such sale
unless determined abandoned in
accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a,
in which case the redemption period
shall be 30 days from the date of
such sale.

Dated: January 16, 2004
The Huntington National Bank,
Successor by merger to Empire
National Bank

Peter M. Schneiderman &
Associates, P.C., 30300
Northwestern Highway, Suite 222,
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334.

-22-29-5-12-19

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor
Ferrigan at 6:35 P.M.

II. Members Present: Palmer, Akers,
Ferrigan, Moshier, McClain Members
Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City
Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk,
Doug Meroney, Tom Wellman, Ilene
Geiss-Wilson, Chad Beckett, Melissa
Beckett.

III. Updates.

The City Manager, Allen Lowe gave
the City Council updates pertaining to the
budget, planning and grants, helping to
bring the new members up to speed on
what is happening in the City of Grayling.

IV. Adjournment

04-001
Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0.

motion carried. The meeting was
adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

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our website: www.cityofgrayling.org

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor
Ferrigan at 7:33 P.M.

II. Members Present: Palmer, Akers,
Ferrigan, Moshier, McClain
Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City
Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk,
Doug Meroney, Tom Wellman, Ilene
Geiss-Wilson, Chad Beckett, Melissa
Beckett, Caleb Casey, Tim Zigila, Dave
Sabin, Terry Wright, Duane Brooks
III. Public Hearing.

None.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.

Revenue / Expenditure Report thru
November 2003

911 Activity Report for November
2003

Housing Commission Meeting
Minutes from November 18, 2003

Grayling Police Department Activity
Report for December 2003

911 Activity Report for December
2003

Letter from Dave Sabin re: Uniform
Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code

Fax from Don Ingle on December 12,
2003

Letter from DEQ on December 5, 2003

Letter from Chamber of Commerce
January 8, 2004

Fire Department Monthly Report for
December 2003

04-002
Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer that the Consent Agenda be
approved as amended, moving item "I".

Letter from Chamber of Commerce to
"I" under New Business: Ayes: 5, Nays:
0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes

04-003
Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers
that the minutes of the meeting of
December 8, 2003 be approved as pre-
sented: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,
Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens Who Wish To Speak On
Agenda Items.

-Terry Wright requested to be able to
speak on the Fire Department Agreement.

Old Business.

Sign Ordinance

-Kim McClain gave an update on the
progress that the committee is making on
the Sign Ordinance. The committee has
about nine pages left to finish and real-
istically should have it ready for February's
meeting.

Fire Department Agreement

04-004
Moved by McClain, seconded by
Palmer to accept the proposed Fire
Agreement amending number 11.A. as
follows: The City shall contribute thirty
percent (30%) and the Township shall
contribute seventy percent (70%) to the
annual fire department budget for general
operations not regulated by other
covenants of this agreement: Roll Call
Vote: Akers: Nay, Ferrigan: Aye,
McClain: Aye, Moshier: Nay, Palmer:
Nay, motion failed.

04-005
Moved by Palmer, seconded by
McClain to accept the proposed Fire
Agreement amending number 11.A. as
follows: The City shall contribute thirty
percent (30%) and the Township shall
contribute seventy percent (70%) to the
annual fire department budget for general

operations not regulated by other
covenants of this agreement and number
12. as follows: This agreement shall
remain in effect for a period of two (2)
years from the effective date. It may be
terminated at any time by mutual agree-
ment of the municipalities, or by one year
written notice by either municipality:
Roll Call Vote: Ferrigan: Aye, McClain:
Aye, Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Akers:
Nay, motion carried

Old City Hall
04-006

Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer to postpone discussion on the Old
City Hall until we receive the information
back from the Economic Study by
Gosling Czubak: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. New Business.

Audit Committee

Mayor Ferrigan reported that himself
along with Kim McClain, City Manager
Allen Lowe, and City Treasurer Terry
McGregor met with Nick from Hill
Schroderus, the City's Auditor to go over
the annual audit report.

McClain stated that the auditor said
that Allen & Terry do a real good job on
what they do on a daily basis and that
made her feel proud. The auditors said
the City of Grayling is in good shape.

McClain said that she would like to see
the following documents relating to the
sale of the Grayling Reel property: the
appraisal, lease agreement, an estimate to
finish the environmental clean up and the
costs of what has already been spent on
clean up.

Doug's Retirement

04-007
Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer that the Grayling City Council
supports the rollover for Douglas Doby
from MERS defined benefit to defined
contribution, based on his intentions, and
would authorize his spouse, Grace Doby,
to sign any necessary paperwork on his
behalf: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,
Absent: 0, motion carried.

Budget Schedule

04-008
Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers
to approve the budget schedule as pre-
sented: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,
Absent: 0, motion carried.

Inspection Resolution

04-009
Moved by Akers, seconded by Moshier
to adopt the Resolution Setting Priorities
for Inspections in the City as presented:
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,
motion carried.

Auditor Contract

04-010
Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer to postpone a decision on the
Auditor's contract until we get more
information: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,
Absent: 0, motion carried.

The Council would like to know what
the Auditor charges per hour, an estimate
of the time needed for GASB, what they
define as "significant" and "work related"
and what the difference is between single
audit and yellow book audit.

Letter from Chamber of Commerce

Tim Zigila, Chamber of Commerce
President informed the Council that his
letter was to let them know what the
Chamber's intentions are. The Chamber
needs to expand their building and would
like a long term lease on the property, or
preferably the right to purchase the prop-
erty.

IX. Citizens who wish to speak.

-Doug Meroney requested to have the
order of priorities from the inspection res-
olution restated and inquired how he
would go about getting an inspection.

-Mr. Meroney also inquired about a
comment made by the City Manager at
the last meeting, December 8th that the
City of Grayling does not have a speeding
problem?

The manager said that the Sheriff's
office did not find a significant speeding
problem in the City.

X. Reports.

ZBA

-Approved the 2004 meeting schedule

and elected a Chairperson and Vice
Chairperson for 2004.

Planning Commission

-Approved the 2004 meeting schedule
and elected a Chairperson and Vice
Chairperson for 2004.

Parks Committee

-Meeting on then 21st of January
DDA

-The DDA is waiting for the Market
Study to come back. They are looking at
job descriptions and the possibility of hir-
ing a part-time director.

City Manager

-Reminded the Council that we will be
meeting at 6:30 again on January 26th to
go over Parliamentary Procedures with
the City Attorney.

-Allen will be meeting with Carl Lehto
from Gosling Czubak on Tuesday,
January 13th to talk about infrastructure.

-The Fire Department received a grant
from the Federal Government which may
require approximately a \$9,000 match.

-Allen has had conversations with
MDOT on a traffic study which may be
happen.

-Allen told the Council members that
the information that was not covered in
the special meeting he would be glad to
answer questions about on a one to one
basis or schedule another meeting if they
wished.

Council Members

-Akers attended the GUDA meeting
and found it to be quite informative.
GUDA will be sending a letter to the City
requesting representation from the City at
their meetings on a regular basis.

-Akers showed the Council a picture
that Doug Meroney took of the
Downtown.

-McClain, the City's representative at
the Chamber meetings reported on their
meeting. There will be a Business After
Hours on January 21st at the old Barn
from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

-Mayor Ferrigan stated that the Fire
Department is moving ahead and may be
coming to the Council for more money on
the construction project.

-Moshier inquired about the vacated
section of Old 27 to the City Attorney and
its ownership and possible uses.

01-011

Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer to get a recommendation from the
City Attorney, after he finds out what can
be done with the old, Old 27: Ayes: 5,
Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion
carried.

-Palmer inquired about a pay differen-
tial for Chad Beckett, being appointed as
the Acting Supervisor for DPW.

-Palmer presented a copy of the letter
that he received from Chief Schreiner and
inquired of the City Attorney if he was in
violation of the Open Meetings Act. The
City Attorney suggested that Councilman
palmer and Chief Schreiner sit down
together to solve the issue between them.

X. Adjournment

04-012

Moved by Moshier, seconded by
Palmer that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,
motion carried. The meeting was
adjourned at 9:28 PM

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

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our website: www.cityofgrayling.org

Resolution Setting Priorities
For Inspections in the City

Motion by Larry Akers Seconded by
Roger Moshier that the City of Grayling
Fire and Building Inspectors set priorities
for their inspections in the following
order:

Complaints from officials or citizens

Requests from property owners

All hotels and motels in the City

All restaurants and bars in the City

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this
12th day of January 2004.

Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk

POSITION OPENING CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting
applications for an open position with the Crawford County
Library Board. Members of this board set policy and procedures
for boards governance and general operation within the local
library. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County
Resident, have familiarity with parliamentary rules and proce-
dures and the general knowledge of library functions within
Crawford County. Deadline to submit applications is Friday,
February 6, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. Applications may be sought from
Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Crawford
County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan
49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
2/2/04

INVITATION TO BID STUDENT CENTER BOILER REPLACEMENT KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that Kirtland Community College will
receive sealed proposals for replacing one existing boiler with
two (2) new steel fire box boilers.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting Thursday, February
19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Student Center Boiler Room. A
walk-thru of the existing system will be provided. All bidders
are required to attend.

Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to JoAnn
Comerford, Director of Physical Plant, Kirtland Community
College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.
Proposals must be received prior to 2:00 p.m. (local time) on
Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Bids will be opened and read
aloud at 3:30 p.m. in the Maintenance Department Break
Room located in the Art/Maintenance Building on the main
campus. Single proposals will be received for the work of all
trades for this project. Kirtland Community College intends to
award a contract to a "General Mechanical Contractor" for work
of all trades.

Bidding documents will be available beginning February 9,
2004. Bidding documents may be obtained from the office of
the Engineer, Wade-Trim, Inc., 271 W. McCoy Road, PO Box
618, Gaylord, MI 49734; telephone 989-732-3584; fax 989-
732-6391. A non-refundable deposit of \$45.00 per set, payable
to Wade-Trim, Inc. is to accompany each request for bidding
documents. A maximum of two (2) sets will be available to
each General Mechanical Contractor and one (1) set available
to each subcontractor. Bidding documents are on file for
inspection at the office of the Owner and also at the office of
the Engineer.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of base bid
shall accompany each proposal in the form of a bid bond,
cashiers check or money order payable to Kirtland Community
College. A personal or company check does not waive the
requirements for bonding.

Performance Bond (100%)
Labor and Material Payment Bond (100%)

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate on the proposal
forms provided in the bidding documents and shall be com-
pletely filled in and executed in accordance with the contract
documents. The owner reserves the right to reject any of or all
proposals, to accept other than low bid, and to waive irregu-
larities, and/or errors in proposals, which they feel is
in their best interest. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period
of ninety (90) days after the opening of the bids.

TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The FREDERIC TOWNSHIP Board of Review will meet for its
organizational meeting of March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of review will meet with the petitioners of the follow-
ing dates:

March 10, 2004 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
March 13, 2004 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. and at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the FREDERIC TOWNSHIP Hall,
7564 County Road 612. The purpose of these meetings will be
to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, clas-
sifications and to answer questions pertaining to the tax roll.

William T. Johnson
Frederic Township Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP SEEKS BIDS FOR TOWN HALL CLEANING SERVICES

Grayling Township is seeking competitive, contractual bids for
twice-weekly, after hours, cleaning services at the Grayling
Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way. The areas to be
cleaned include the public restrooms, meeting room, general
offices, kitchen, reception area and entry way. The duties
include dusting, mopping, waxing and general cleanup. A com-
plete list of duties is available from the township receptionist.

Bidders must specify days of the week, time of the day, total
hours per week and hourly costs for their services. This will be
a one year bid with an opportunity for a no-bid, two year renew-
al after the first year.

Written bids will be accepted through Tuesday, February 10.
Address bids to Cleaning Services; Grayling Township; PO Box
521; Grayling, MI 49738. For more information, prospective
bidders may call (989) 348-4381 or fax (989) 348- 6713, or
email, pkangas@twp.grayling.mi.us.

Grayling Township is an equal opportunity employer and will not
discriminate in granting service contracts.

Terry Wright
Supervisor

NOTICE OF OFFICE VACANCY MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

Maple Forest Township will be filling the position of Township
Trustee. The person appointed will hold this office until the regular
election in November 2004.

Candidates must be a qualified elector of Maple Forest Township
(18yrs. of age, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in the Township at
least 30 days. (Property ownership is NOT required) and registered
to vote. Applicants must be available to attend the regularly sched-
uled meetings of Maple Forest Township scheduled the second
Tuesday of each month.

Those interested in filling this position should mail a resume' to
Mark D. Kniss 7416 N. Sherman Rd. Frederic, MI. 49733, and must
be received on or before February 6, 2004. Resumes' Received
after that date will not be given consideration.

Appointment will be made at the regularly scheduled meeting on
February 10, 2004.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 5, 1981

Grayling and Crawford County were among five state geographic areas expected to enjoy the most significant employment growth in 1981. The projection was reported in last month's addition of "The Michigan Economic Record" a monthly report of business conditions in Michigan.

Chamber of Commerce President Ralph Stevens presented a membership plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Mario Rizzo, new owners of Grayling's Arrowhead Inn.

Approximately 265 Special Education students participated in the games which included cross country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and tug-a-war at Grayling's Hanson Hills Park.

Sue Diedrich and Paula Dosch, GHS seniors scheduled to attend a week long Washington Workshop in the nation's capitol, where they hope to learn "first-hand" what government activities are all about.

Jeff Webb, 18, GHS senior received a \$50 savings bond for Winter Carnival, Co-Chairman Marty VanDeVen, for his winning entry in this year's button design contest.

Robert Sienkiewicz, middle school vocal music director is pleased to announce the full

implementation of a guitar class in the Grayling Middle School. This is the only class of this nature in the entire northern Michigan area.

The Housing Urban Development Commission has approved Crawford County's pre-application request for a \$304,000 Community Development Block Grant, a move expected to have a dramatic, positive impact on future economic development in this county.

Mrs. Yost's and Miss Loft's first grades are doing a play called "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." The kids that are doing the play are Angie Thompson, Jordan Stancil and Billy Ellingboe.

46 Years Ago

February 6, 1958

Miss Grayling of 1958, Majorie Wolff will be the official hostess of the 33rd Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival held this weekend.

A snow sculpture contest for high school students is now under way in the City Park near the water tower on US-27. The contest, an idea of Spike MacNeven's will be judged this weekend during the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival.

Caroline Moyer of Lovells, was crowned as Miss Lovells Winter Playland last Sunday

afternoon by Eric Post, president of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce and general chairman of the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival.

Grayling Mayor Emil Giegling today signed his name to a proclamation designating next week from February 10 through 15 as Grayling Modern Kitchen week.

A snow plow able to cut a sixteen foot swath in the snow and able to move 6,000 tons of snow per hour was tested at the Grayling McNamara Airport this past weekend.

69 Years Ago

February 7, 1935

Welfare workers have been busy the last few days putting the old tennis court in the school yard in shape for a skating rink. Dikes are being built and the ground will be flooded to make a smooth piece of ice. This will give school children a convenient, safe playground for the winter months to come.

A sizable gain in sales in Crawford County the past year over the prior year can almost certainly be traced to the activity of the Grayling Retail Roundtable activity of the Grayling Business and Professional Association.

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the Warren Hatfield home east of the Fish Hatchery at 12:45 p.m. Monday afternoon to put out a fire, which started in the chimney. The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Gary Hatfield, who

lives nearby. Fire Chief Gene Papendick estimated damages to furniture, ceiling, and attic to be about \$2,000.

Work has begun Monday on the new Lake Road bridge project on M-93. The old narrow bridge is to be torn out and a new, two-way traffic structure substituted. The contract calls for the erection of a concrete two-way bridge on the site of the present crossing, and the widening of the road for some two hundred feet each way, at a total cost of eighteen thousand dollars.

92 Years Ago

February 8, 1912

The building that is being erected for Lietz Bros., for their tailor shop is nearing completion and they expect to be settled there and ready for business before March 1st.

The T.E. Douglas Co.'s rebuilt shingle mill at Lovells commenced operations Monday of this week. The people of this little village are feeling pretty happy over the event.

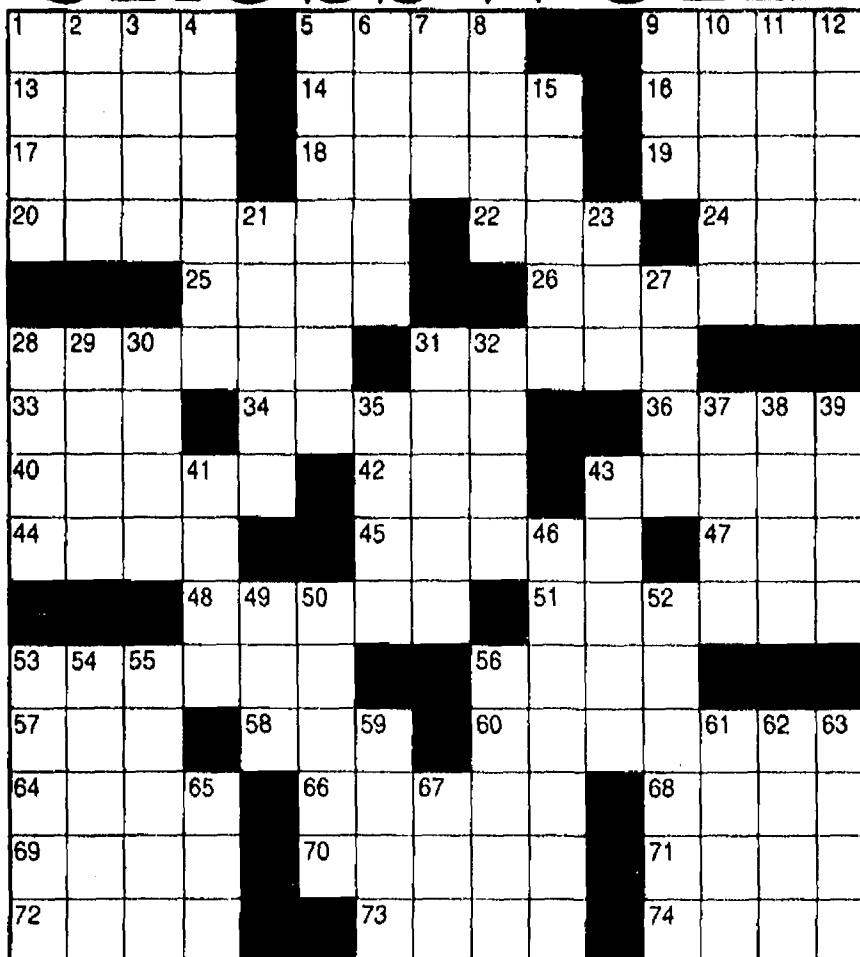
We were all sorely provoked because the older bear saw his shadow February 2nd as we have already had a long winter.

S.B. Wakeley was lucky to catch a fine red fox.

Lorne Douglas has been employed as bookkeeper for T. E. Douglas in U. B. Brown's place, at Lovells.

Road Commissioner Jos. Simms keeps the roads in good condition by the frequent use of the large roller.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Letterman's competitor
5. Oppositionist
9. Unhearing
13. Equal
14. "I got the horse right here" types
16. Bear, to Brutus
17. Ladylike gatherings
18. Charge in a suit against a tabloid
19. Remove from office
20. Claims
22. Raincoat, for short
24. Socks, to Chelsea
25. Garçon's aid
26. A penny
28. Spring flowers
31. Pyromania
33. Rep.'s opponent
34. Musician's practice place
36. Contended
40. Steak sandwich topper
42. Fingers count
43. Recurrent interval
44. Part of SLR
45. Sacrificial site
47. Freud's article
48. Slim and agile
51. Lavin and Blair
53. Mantilla wearer

56. Street performer
57. One of Frank's exes
58. Tool set
60. Eternal
64. Perfume
66. Rabbit fur
68. Red gin
69. Sabe
70. Milquetoast's lack
71. The Grapes of Wrath locale: abbr.
72. Actor Stoltz
73. Zipped
74. Not once, poetically

DOWN

1. "Woman in Your Life" (2 wds.)
2. Stuntman Knivel
3. Newman's Hud foil
4. Beginnings
5. Minimally
6. Like a schoolyard at recess
7. Craft for a storybook trio
8. Filler
9. Twosome
10. Blow, à la Etna
11. Ledger entry
12. Like some meat
15. Places haphazardly
21. Soul singer Al
23. Magnon
27. A deadly sin
28. Matinee
29. M. Magritte
30. Poker player's declaration
31. Fred's Lady Be Good costar
32. \$200, on Boardwalk
35. Idaho's neighbor
37. Bumped-off, street-style
38. East of Eden director Kazan
39. TV rooms
41. Christianity, today
43. Gum chewing, in Singapore
46. Trued up
49. Vex
50. Waggars
52. Victor at Trafalgar
53. Gets in Your Eyes
54. Downy duck
55. Model Campbell
56. Augusta's locale
59. Emulates Bill Robinson
61. Actress Sommer
62. Only
63. Cook quickly
65. Legendary avian
67. Great Expectations hero

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



- 1 unbaked pie shell
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 11/3 cups coarsely chopped pecans
- 12 Sweetened whipped cream
- pecan halves for topping

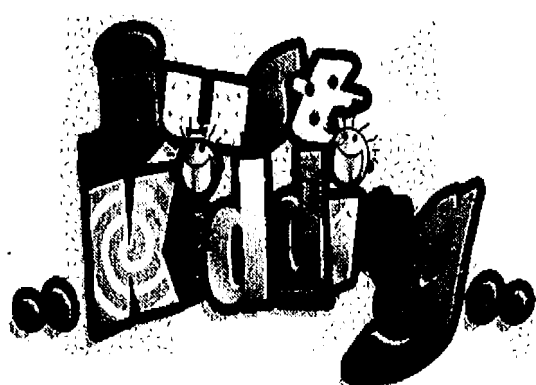
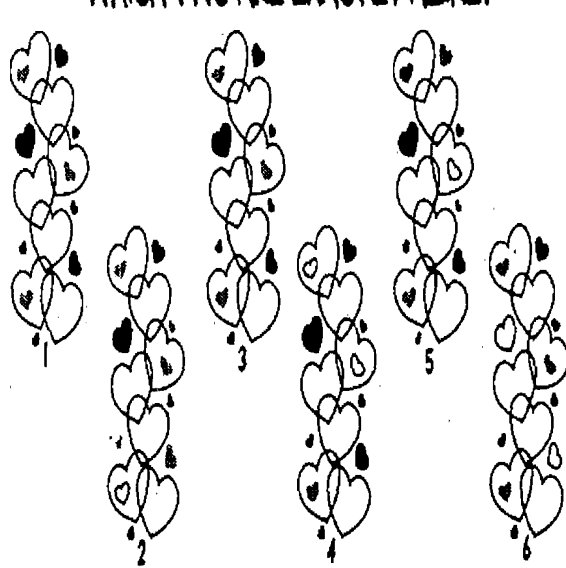
Preheat oven to 425°F. Place pie shell in a 9-inch pie pan and trim and crimp the edges of the dough. Line crust

Pecan-Pumpkin Pie

with foil and place pie weights or dry beans over surface of crust to weigh it down during baking. Bake crust for 8 minutes. Remove crust from oven, remove weights and foil from crust and reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Beat eggs, sugar and pumpkin in a medium bowl until creamy. Beat in corn syrup, butter and vanilla until smooth. Stir in chopped pecans until distributed throughout mixture. Pour pumpkin mixture into baked crust. Cover edges of pie crust with foil and bake for 50 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 10 more minutes, or until a knife inserted off center comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool to room temperature.

FIND THE TWINS

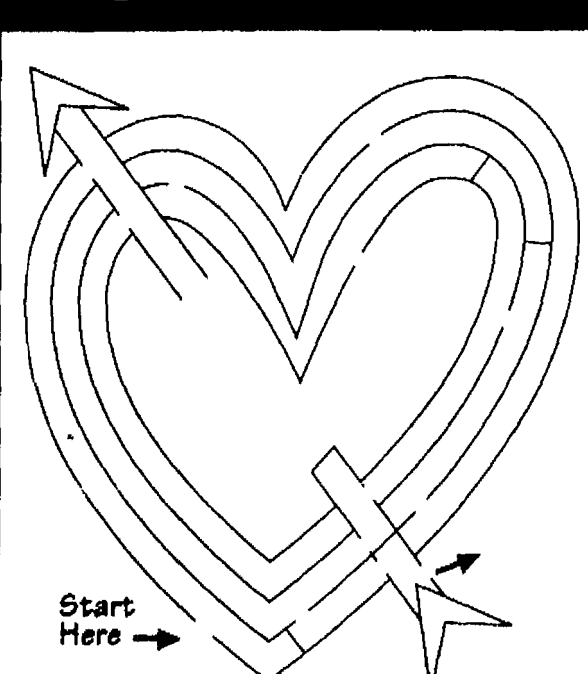
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW

Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.

MAZE



Adopt a Pet



Yahoo is a 3 year old Collie/Shepherd mix. He is neutered, has all of his vaccinations, heartworm tested, and is housebroken. Nice dog, gets along well with other dogs. We are still taking appointments for cat spays and neuters. Call 348-4117 for more information.

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 5, 2004



Chores start piling up at home. Set aside a night each week to work on them until the stack is finished. A friend returns your phone call.

December 22-January 19



You're bombarded with invitations, but your schedule is tight. Accept the important ones and say no to all of the rest.

March 21-April 19



An elderly friend is going through a rough time. Make a point to visit them and bring a gift of cheer. Something you thought was lost reappears.

June 22-July 22



Joy seems to be in short supply these days, but you'll soon receive great news. A deadline at work approaches.

September 23-October 22



A bombshell is about to be dropped at work. Don't panic. Take the news in stride and move on to more important matters.

July 20-August 18



The time has come for you to stop toying with an idea and bring it to life. A friend makes a startling announcement. Show your support.

April 20-May 20



When it comes to money, you know what you're doing. A family member isn't so fortunate. Teach them a few tricks and help them get back on track.

July 23-August 22



There's never been a better time for you to kick a bad habit. Explore the options available to help, make a game plan and stick to it.

October 23-November 21



An old friend stops by for a visit. Enjoy your time reminiscing and getting reacquainted. An accounting error causes distress.

January 19-February 20



You're filled with creativity. Take advantage of it to tackle that room at home that you've been wanting to redecorate.

May 21-June 21



A disagreement breaks out at the office. Stay out of it. You're too close to be objective. A special occasion deserves careful thought.

August 23-September 22



You uncover a secret. Keep it to yourself. Disclosure to the wrong person could result in dire consequences.

November 22-December 21

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/28	21	10	29
1/29	19	1	30
1/30	11	1	31
1/31	15	7	31
2/1	19	-14	31
2/2	28	-14	31
2/3	31	9	33

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Day	High	Low	Day	High	Low
2/4	20	18	2/5	21	24
2/6	18	12	2/7	24	23
2/8	15	11	2/9	24	23
2/10	21	11	2/11	24	23
2/12	21	11	2/13	24	23
2/14	21	11	2/15	24	23
2/16	21	11	2/17	24	23
2/18	21	11	2/19	24	23
2/20	21	11	2/21	24	23
2/22	21	11	2/23	24	23
2/24	21	11	2/25	24	23
2/26	21	11	2/27	24	23
2/28	21	11	2/29	24	23
2/29	21	11	2/30	24	23

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HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/t/1)

2. For Rent
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2. For Rent
HOUSE, CABINS AND MOBILE home at Lost Acres. Large three to four bedroom log home with new flooring and paint. Garage not included \$595, plus \$600 security and all utilities. One bedroom cabins for rent from \$275 - \$375, including all utilities, plus \$200 security. Two bedroom mobile home, older, clean, only \$375, plus \$400 security and utilities. Units are located on 30 wooded acres, from 11004 - 11010 North Old U.S. 27, three miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (1/29/04/t/2)

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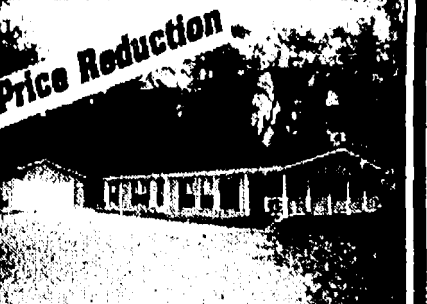
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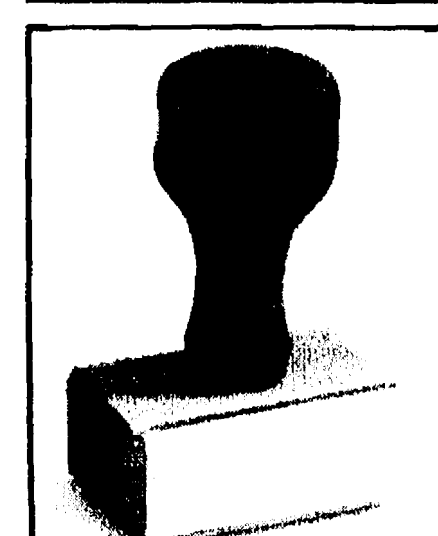
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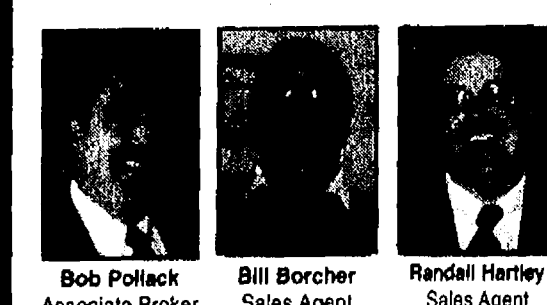
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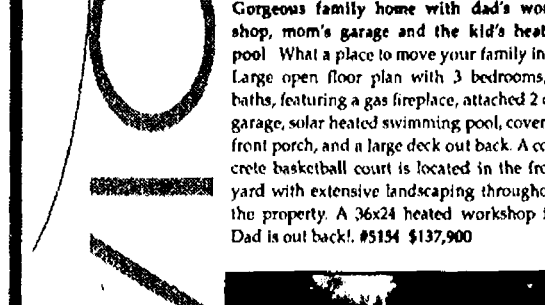
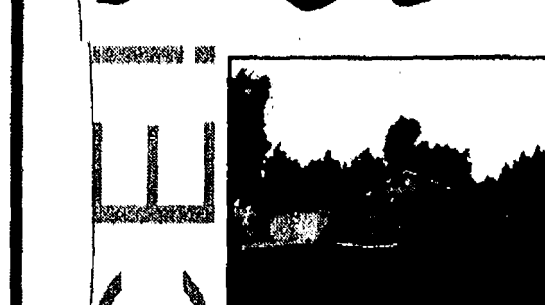
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8. Announcements

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3. Employment

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT KOLKA who was recently promoted to manager of the meat department at Glen's of Grayling. Stop in and say hi. (-5/9)

10. Garage Sale

GARAGE & MOVING SALE February 6 & 7 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily Heated garage chairs, end tables, lamps, coffee tables, knick knacks, bedding, dishes, numerous other household items, two shallow well jet pumps, table saw, and tools of all kinds. Free coffee and donuts, first come first serve. A few antiques and much, much more. Too numerous to mention. 1793 South Thendara Road. Five miles East of Grayling, turn North, 3rd house on right. (-29-5/10)

GARAGE SALE heated garage, Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m. till 7 More items added. Gray house just past Holiday Inn. (-5/10)

11. Automotive

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7. Miscellaneous

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